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Jeju Air opens route to Saipan

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Jeju Air has landed. With a fully booked flight arriving yesterday afternoon at the Saipan International Airport, Jeju Air officially began flights between Saipan and Incheon, South Korea.

Jeju Air CEO Kyu Nam Choi, who joined the men, women and children streaming through the gates of the airport, said in an interview that the airline is very excited to begin its route to

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Cape Air vows to normalize flights soon

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Andrew Bonney, Cape Air's vice president for planning, joined the Saipan Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting yesterday at the Kanoa Resort to apologize publicly to the business community for the airline's recent troubles.

Bonney, who was joined by other Cape Air officials and local staff, promised that the company is working hard on going back to normal opera-

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23 species in NMI, Guam eyed for protection

» **Agency seeks information from the public, scientific community before final decision.**

Current evidence suggests that 23 species located in the U.S. territory of Guam and the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are in danger of becoming extinct in the foreseeable future. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Tuesday its proposal to

protect the species as either endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and is seeking new information from the public and the scientific community that will assist the agency in making a final determination.

The 23 species proposed for listing

comprises 14 plants, four tree snails, two butterflies, one insectivorous bat, one skink, and one damselfly. Two of the plant species—*Cycas micronesica* and *Tabernaemontana rotensis*—are proposed for “threatened” status, the other plants and animals are proposed as “endangered.”

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Lawmaker urges Best Sunshine to look at private lands

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Instead of taking over the land lease of Mariana Resort & Spa and linking it with the public land immediately north of it that used to be leased by Flame Sako, Best Sunshine International Ltd. would be better served looking at private lands first, one lawmaker said.

Mariana Resort general manager Gloria Cavanagh, meanwhile, reiterated it would be in the CNMI's best interest if Kan Pacific and Best Sunshine are both allowed to do business on the island, serving their Japanese and Chinese tourist markets respectively.

Rep. Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, said a win-win situation for both the government and private landowners is for the Hong Kong-based investor to lease the more available private lands on Saipan instead.

"There are other lands. There are private lands that Best Sunshine can lease, what with all the money they're investing now and they have so much in

the stock market. They should come and look at private lands first," said Benavente.

Off the top of Benavente's head are prime real estate in Lau Lau Bay, Tanapag, and the area between Obyan and Ladder beaches—all private lands that can readily suit Best Sunshine's \$7.1-billion integrated resort project.

"Let's encourage Best Sunshine to look into leasing private land instead of taking over Mariana Resort's lease. They won't have any problem there. A lot of private landowner will be very

happy...Best Sunshine should look at Lau Lau Bay. You pass by San Vicente and go right, there's a beautiful, beautiful private land there. Tanapag from the Igitol property all the way up north to Aqua Resort Club is also another option. There's that beautiful land out there. It's very big. There's another private land between Obyan Beach and Ladder Beach. There's a lot of private land out there..."

Best Sunshine leasing private land will result in private landowners having money on hand that would eventually circulate

in the local economy, Benavente said.

"It can also help local people. They will be spending and buying a lot of things. They can renovate their homes. It can benefit our local people if Best Sunshine just chooses to buy private land."

Unlike public land, which can initially be leased for 25 years with an additional 15-year extension, private land leases can be had for up to 55 years—and quite possibly for 99 years if voters approve an Article 11 initiative in the November polls.

Maximizing markets

Cavanagh, in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*, responded to Gov. Eloy S. Inos' call for the two companies to bare their future plans on the Marpi property and then go from there.

"The issue regarding the Kan Pacific property is not simply a comparison between an offer by Best Sunshine and an offer by Kan Pacific. The issue is regarding whether it would be in the best interest of the CNMI to allow Best Sunshine to have the Marianas Resort property and thereby eject Kan Pacific from Saipan or whether it would be in the best interests of the CNMI to have both Best Sunshine and

Kan Pacific doing business in the CNMI and maximizing the Japanese market as well as the Chinese market."

She also called on the Legislature to reject any overtures by Best Sunshine on the Marpi property it leases if indeed it has the CNMI people's interest in mind.

"Even if Best Sunshine were to make a larger or better offer, the Legislature could and should still reject it because it is in the best interests of the CNMI

to allow Kan Pacific to remain and to cause Best Sunshine to have their casino multiplex located elsewhere, so that both businesses can contribute to the CNMI economy."

No comparison

Benavente said that pitting Mariana Resort's future investments in the Marpi property against what Best Sunshine has planned is similar to comparing apples to oranges.

"It's really sad they're comparing the proposed investment of Mariana Resort and Best Sunshine. You cannot really compare. One is a multi-billion dollar conglomerate and the other is just a family owned enterprise."

If he'd have his way, Benavente said Mariana Resort should be allowed to extend its lease at its Marpi property and continue to cater to the Japanese

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Sablan sells HLI 18-12 to business crowd

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A high number of children do not have the opportunity to go to kindergarten programs on island, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan.



Sablan

"Close to 40 percent that would have been eligible for kindergarten are actually not in kindergarten because we don't have the classrooms or the teachers," she said, addressing the business community at yesterday's general membership meeting of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Sablan said she hoped the passing of House Legislative Initiative 18-12, which raises the minimum percentage of local appropriation for PSS from

15 percent to 25 percent, would help expand the public schools' kindergarten program and make it accessible to every 5-year-old child in the CNMI.

Initiatives to be pushed with the passing of HLI 18-12 is the improvement of classroom instructional material and technology, class-size reduction, and repair, renovation and modernization of school buildings and

classrooms. On class-size reduction, she told the crowd the student-teacher ratio has gone to as high as 50:1 in Hal Easton's Marianas High School classroom.

For English and Language Arts, teachers face a student-teacher ratio 31:1 on average, she said.

"The funding [HLI 18-12] is really to reduce class sizes so every teacher will be teaching 20 to 1 in the elementary [schools] and 25 to 1 in our high schools," she said.

She told the business crowd that "the greatest investment" PSS could offer them is the education of the CNMI's children.

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Two Roberto witnesses indicted for allegedly lying

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Two of Raymond B. Roberto's nine witnesses were indicted in federal court for allegedly making false statements or changing their stories during Roberto's trial.

The indictment charged Richard Sullivan Benavente with three counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice. It also includes a criminal forfeiture allegation.

A separate indictment charged Randy A. Igisomar with one count of perjury, one count of obstruction of justice, and one count of false statement. It also includes a criminal forfeiture allegation.

Benavente, 44, is a former firefighter who pleaded guilty to a count of exploitation of a child. During Roberto's trial, he testified that, among other

things, he owned the cell phone with the number 789-3443. One of Roberto's three alleged underage victims had testified that Roberto used that number.

Igisomar, 22, was one of three men who bludgeoned to death a school security guard in 2008 and was sentenced in 2011 to 22 years in prison. During Roberto's trial, he testified that Roberto never instructed his friend during a phone conversation to get rid of her cell phone's SIM card.

The indictments were filed last Sept. 23, but U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona unsealed the cases only yesterday afternoon at the U.S. government's recommendation.

Benavente and Igisomar were taken to court yesterday for their initial appearance/arraignment.

Attorney Michael Dotts appeared as court-appointed coun-

sel for Benavente, who pleaded not guilty. Benavente's jury trial will start on Dec. 8, 2014.

Attorney Robert T. Torres was appointed counsel for Igisomar, but he was unable to appear in court. Igisomar's hearing was reset for today, Thursday, at 1pm.

According to the indictment filed against Benavente, the defendant committed three counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice during his testimony for Roberto last Sept. 9.

One count of perjury refers to Benavente's testimony when he stated that he used 789-3443 at one short period from the mid-part of June to July in 2013.

He testified that he got the phone from two of the three alleged victims and that he actually used the SIM card in that cell phone in calling the girls or other girls.

As early as 2pm yesterday, the tropical storm warning had already been canceled for Pagan and Alamagan and surrounding waters.

The National Weather Service, however, issued a high surf advisory that is in effect until 6am Saturday.

For Saipan and Tinian, hazardous surf of 7 to 9 feet is expected along west and south facing reefs starting last night through Friday night.

For Rota and Guam, hazard-

ous surf of 7 to 9 feet was expected along north, west and south facing reefs last night. Surf will fall below hazardous levels along north facing reefs early today, Thursday. Along west and south facing reefs, it will remain hazardous at 7 to 9 feet through Friday night.

The National Weather Service advised people to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches especially those along north, west and south facing reefs as rip currents are life threatening. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Tentative opening of AMP tennis courts on Oct. 25

It is National Park Service standard practice to monitor, review, and make improvements during capital improvement projects occurring on National Park Service Lands. During the rehabilitation project, monitoring and review processes were conducted by the CNMI Department of Public Works and American Memorial Park. In the interest of public safety, an agreement was made to adjust the original concept.

The original concept called for the tennis court entry point to be installed approximately 100 feet west of the Middle Road and Micro Beach Road intersection. The adjustment agreed upon by CNMI DPW and American Memorial Park authorizes the access point to be relocated approximately 200 feet west of the Middle Road and Micro Beach Road. This adjustment will improve safety for motorists and individuals utilizing the tennis courts. The relocation of the tennis court entry point will require earthmoving, tree removal, and paving operations for project completion.

Due to the scope of this project, NPS Pacific West Regional Civil Engineer Scott Henrickson will execute a site visit to inspect the completed project. The inspection is planned for

The second count of perjury pertains to Benavente's testimony when he stated that he used the phone on the day when he was arrested in July 16 or 19, 2013, and that he surrendered everything to the Department of Public Safety, including the phone with number 789-3443 and another cell phone with number 789-3503.

Count 3 perjury pertains to Benavente's testimony that he was just agreeing to whatever questions Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent Haejun Park was asking.

According to the indictment, Benavente's false statements "did corruptly obstruct, influ-

ence, and impede, and attempted to corruptly obstruct, influence, and impede, a proceeding before a judge or court of the United States."

In the indictment against Igisomar, one count of perjury relates to his Sept. 10 testimony when he made a declaration inconsistent with a prior declaration he made while under oath in a grand jury proceeding.

Specifically, on May 6, 2014, while appearing as a witness under oath before the federal grand jury, Igisomar testified that he spoke in Chamorro to his friend on the phone and that Roberto told him to tell his friend to get rid of her phone number.

Igisomar stated that he told his friend to get rid of the number because Roberto instructed him to tell it to her right there.

However, during his testimony during the trial on Sept. 10, Igisomar stated that his conversation on the phone with his friend was in English.

Igisomar also stated that Roberto asked his (Igisomar) friend if she can call her sister in Guam to contact his (Roberto) lawyers and the private investigators.

Igisomar also testified that he did not hear Roberto telling his friend to throw a cell phone.

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King to present more issues in Crisostomo appeal

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Attorney Janet H. King has disclosed that she intends to present more issues in the appeal of her client, Joseph Acosta Crisostomo, a habitual offender who is serving life imprisonment for kidnapping, raping, killing, and robbing bartender Emerita R. Romero.

In court papers she submitted to the Superior Court yesterday, King listed eight issues that, according to her, she plans to present on appeal to the CNMI Supreme Court.

King previously notified the court about four issues in Crisostomo's appeal.

Crisostomo is seeking to reverse Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho's judgment of conviction on April 28, 2014, and sentencing order on May 28, 2014, and two pre-trial orders.

In the list that she submitted

yesterday, King disclosed that she intends to present on appeal six more issues in addition to two-pre-trial orders.

King said the issues are Camacho's denial of Crisostomo's motion to use a written juror questionnaire; Camacho's denial of Crisostomo's motion to suppress footprint evidence and admission of the footprints and any expert analysis comparing the footprints to any other evidence.

King said other issues are Camacho's denial of Crisostomo's motion to suppress evidence of a water bottle that was tested for the defendant's DNA following its seizure by the FBI at the Department of Corrections; Camacho's ruling that allowed the testimony of IT&E's James Calderwood's opinion as to the phone call detail records; and the judge's denial of Crisostomo's proposed DNA forensic expert from testifying at trial.

King said she may raise oth-

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Spawnbreezie, Beachboy look forward to Friday concert

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The United Nesia Fest concert series happening this Friday is expected to draw hundreds, thanks in large part to the star wattage of Spawnbreezie and Beachboy, plus a guest performance by Tenelle.

Spawnbreezie will also be performing on Tinian today, Oct. 2, starting at 6pm. It will also feature local talents such as Marvin Deleon Guerrero, Tom Basa Jr., Latte Vibes, and the Marianas Project.

Spawnbreezie and Beachboy have been doing music since they were young and both have always wanted to come out to Saipan and Tinian to perform for their fans out here. Friday's concert will be featuring some of their latest songs.

How's your stay on Saipan so far?

Spawnbreezie: I just arrived last night (Sept. 31) and this is my first time here actually seeing the island. It is very beautiful. The people here are nice. Those that I have met, there was nothing but positive energy. I am also excited to perform on Tinian.

Beachboy: With all the places I have been to, by far Saipan has the best hospitality and the food here is great. Seeing the sights and people, was like, wow! This is what happens when your music travels overseas.

What made you want to come to Saipan?

Spawnbreezie: My manager Frank Aguon has always wanted to bring me here ever since he took me on and wanted for the longest time to bring me out to Guam as well. I have always asked about Saipan and was actually told of its history.

What inspires you?

Spawnbreezie: My kids inspire me. Just being a musician, the ultimate sacrifice is leaving my family. This is my motivation.

Beachboy: I started making music at 13 years old and I made music because I had a story to tell. From those dark times when I was young, sharing it with people and letting them know what we have been through is inspiring.

What words of encouragement could you give the rising musicians on Saipan?

Spawnbreezie: Work hard. The biggest thing is consistency. As long as you work hard and don't let anything discourage you or mislead your course, you're good.

Beachboy: Don't give up on what you do.

What is your latest album?

Spawnbreezie: My latest album is a whole new kind of music because we get to

appreciate what we do. And it is very meaningful when someone comes up to you and says, 'Hey, I heard your music and I have been there before.' Having someone like that tell you and can relate to what you do is very meaningful and it touches the heart.

Beachboy: My latest album is called "In Your Shoes" because I've always had that concept of how other people feel. Instead of thinking about myself, I kind of think about what those other people are going through. I got the idea from watching Disney's *Shrek* and when he said, 'Nobody knows how it feels to be an ogre.' That is how I got the idea. Not everyone else knows what it feels like to be someone else unless you put yourself in their shoes.

Any message to the community?

Spawnbreezie and Beach-

boy: Come out and enjoy the concert. We will would love for all of you to taste the new music that we have and expect our albums out. Thank you for having us out here and sup-

porting our music and hopefully you enjoy the concert as much as we will. Thank you again to all the promoters, sponsors, and our manager and fans.

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Saipan.

"We always try to open a new opportunity... especially where the market is controlled by a single carrier. Especially in Korea, there is limited options for the customers and the market, so as the number one LCC in Korea we see the opportunity," Choi said.

The low-cost carrier flies a Boeing 737-800 NG. It carries 186-189 seats, according to Choi.

Flight fares vary depending on season and time of flight, according to Choi. But in general, Jeju Air targets its fares to be 20 to 30 percent lower than its competitors.

The inaugural flight marked the opening of Jeju Air's second route to the Marianas region, with Guam being the other.

"It was very successful on Guam, I am sure we will have the same experience [here] and this will open the market for Jeju Air and all the people involved," he said.

Currently, the airline will have one flight per day but they are planning to increase frequency as well as in other parts of Korea, according to Choi.

"We are going to expand our frequency very aggressively," he said.

He described Jeju's passengers as younger, energetic, and free individual travelers and families.

He said Jeju Air's "first ef-

fort" will be to establish its partnerships with the community on island.

"I understand the hospitality community here is very vibrant, and it is essential for us to make a partnership with the hotels, rent-a-cars, and other restaurant communities," he said.

On passenger spending power, he described their passengers as "very logical and value-oriented."

"They compare the fares and they value the convenience and schedule. We generally see our customers probably spend about \$1,000 per head [per] visit, but that depends," he said.

Choi said flights to Saipan are 90 percent full, and they are happy to see an escalation of the load factor and interest among local communities in South Korea to experience Saipan.

"We see the market is booming and our local travelers... can afford Southeast Asian markets. They have experience of those markets and are ready, so the Saipan and Guam islands would be wonderful alternatives for them," he said.

Marianas Visitor Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman said MVA is "proud and happy" to welcome Jeju Airlines to the CNMI.

"It is an important event for all of the CNMI. It provides an additional 60,000 seats for arriving passengers and allows families an affordable way to get here," he said, adding that the money the passengers spend will "directly impact the economy."

representation was correct and that his purpose in claiming to have been "mistaken" was to obstruct justice, according to the indictment.

On Monday, the federal court jury unanimously acquitted the 41-year-old Roberto of all charges that he enticed three minor girls to engage in prostitution and tampered a witness while he was in jail.

Roberto is a former acting director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

market here on Saipan. No more Japanese. Where is that concept of having different tourists and having different investors for that matter?"

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Part of that additional investment is the addition of 100 executive rooms. Currently, Mariana Resort has 74 hotel rooms and 50 individual cottages.

SPECIES

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and the CNMI to actively participate in the public comment process to help us determine if protection is warranted for these rare species," said Kristi Young, the service's acting field supervisor for the Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office.

Of the 23 species proposed for listing:

Five plants are endemic to the island of Guam: *Eugenia bryani*, *Hedyotis megalantha* (paudeo), *Phyllanthus safordii*, *Psychotria malaspinae* (aplokating-palaean), and *Tinospora homosepala*.

Eight plants are known from Guam and the CNMI: *Bulbophyllum guamense* (cebello halumtano), *Dendrobium guamense*, *Heritiera longipe-*

tiolata (ufa-halumtano), *Maesa walkeri*, *Nervilia jacksoniae*, *Solanum guamense* (berenghe-nas halomtano), *Tabernaemontana rotensis*, and *Tuberolabium guamense*.

One plant, *Cycas microneesica* (fadang), occurs in Guam, the CNMI, Palau and Yap.

Three animals are island endemics—the Guam tree snail (*Partula radiolata*; akaleha) is endemic to Guam, the Rota blue damselfly (*Ischnura luta*) is endemic to Rota, and Langford's tree snail (*Partula langfordi*; akaleha) is endemic to Aguijan.

The remaining six animals are known from islands in both Guam and the CNMI—the Pacific sheath-tailed bat (*Emballonura semicaudata rotensis*; liyang), Slevin's skink (*Emoia slevini*; guali'ek halomtano), the Mariana eight-spot butterfly (*Hypolimnas octocula mari-*

anensis), the Mariana wandering butterfly (*Vagrans egistina*), the humped tree snail (*Partula gibba*; akaleha), and the fragile tree snail (*Samoana fragilis*; akaleha).

The 23 species being considered for federal listing face current and ongoing threats, including habitat loss and degradation due to urbanization and development; competition with nonnative plants and animals; predation by nonnative animals; climate change; inadequate existing regulatory mechanisms to prevent the introduction and spread of nonnative plants and animals; ordnance and live-fire from military training; recreational vehicles; and small numbers of individuals and populations.

The final decision to add the 23 species to the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants will be based on the best scientific information available. At a later date, the service plans to publish a separate rule proposing critical habitat for these 23 species.

The service opened a 60-day public comment period starting Oct. 1, 2014, to allow the public to review and comment on the proposal and provide additional information. All relevant information will be considered and addressed in the service's final listing determination. The public comment period will close on Dec. 1, 2014.

Requests for public hearings on this proposal must be received within 45 days after the Oct. 1, 2014, publication of this proposed rule.

More information and copies of the proposed rule are available at <http://www.fws.gov/pacificislands/>. (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

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Scaling is at the core of the structural problem Cape Air faces in the area, according to Bonney.

AT42 aircraft 834 is expected to "return in the near future," according to Bonney, though a date was not specified.

"I can promise you we can have at least one aircraft operating here. There is no way we're going to take the second one out," he replied when asked if the 834 would be back before the first quarter of 2015.

He said the time for maintenance checks depend on "what is due," noting where the airplane is and how many cycles and hours it has flown as factors.

"This one has been one of the longer checks that an aircraft will go through in its entire cycle," he said of 834.

He described the maintenance as more of a "structural inspection" where main airframes, spars, and panels are taken apart.

Bonney thinks the next check-up for 836 will be a lot faster because it went through a more significant check on its inspection three years ago.

He said they are hard at work for next year to get both aircraft back up.

"We know how important air service is, because in many of our 44 [destinations] they are islands like this where there is not a lot of great options," he said.

When asked, he said he is not familiar with Rose Hocog's petition, which called for local and federal inspection of Cape Air's mechanical, safety and service issues.

"Cape Air works very closely with FAA. Safety is near and dear to our hearts. The reason we don't operate the flights from time to time is to ensure that we have everything double and triple-checked. If it's a petition asking for a safe airline, I'd sign it. The entire 1,000 employees of Cape Air would sign it," he said.

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In an interview with an FBI special agent last Aug. 8, Igisomar allegedly represented that when he had previously said that Roberto had told him to tell his friend to discard a certain cell phone or SIM card, he had been "mistaken."

Igisomar knew that his representation was false and fraudulent in that his previous

tion. He pointed out that, when both its planes in the CNMI are operational, Cape Air has one of the world's highest completion rates. Completion rate is the percentage of scheduled flights completed.

"What we are going through now, it does happen periodically, but it is out of the norm and that's one of the things to keep in mind. [Cape Air] will go back to this very high percent completion rate [and] the great service we love to provide," he said.

He also pointed out that adding a third plane to their Guam-CNMI route would result in an increase of \$28 in fares.

"For us to bring a third airplane out there, you'd have to pay for it and so I broke down what it would cost to have a third airplane that was also just here in inventory but not

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Ex-MMA fighter allegedly extorts cash from man he suspects of theft

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Former mixed martial arts fighter Peter Manglona Deleon Guerrero allegedly extorted \$20 from a man he had accused of stealing a bicycle by threatening to break his face and slam his head on a wall in Garapan on Friday.

Deleon Guerrero, 46, also known by his fight name "Dragon," was served with an arrest warrant in China Town on Tuesday afternoon on charges of robbery, assault, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$10,000 cash. Preliminary hearing will be on Oct. 7 at 1:30pm.

Deleon Guerrero is the son

Rota delegation confirms Justin S. Manglona as casino commissioner

The Rota Legislative Delegation confirmed Rota Mayor Melchor A. Mendiola's nominee to the Commonwealth Casino Commission, Justin S. Manglona, during a session on Rota last Sept. 23.

"I am honored to inform you, on behalf of the Rota Legislative Delegation, that your nomination of Mr. Justin S. Manglona to serve on the Commonwealth Casino Commission representing Rota has been confirmed by the delegation," Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) wrote in a letter to Mendiola.

The chairwoman of the Rota Legislative Delegation said they held a public hearing last Sept. 22 where Manglona was overwhelmingly supported by those who gave both oral and written testimonies in favor of the nominee.

"After much deliberation based on the overall assessment of Mr. Manglona's credentials, experiences, testimonies, and other relevant issues considered, the Rota Legislative Delegation is convinced that Mr. Manglona possesses the qualification and leadership skills necessary to serve as a commissioner of the Commonwealth Casino Commission," the delegation's findings and recommendation to the nominee's confirmation read.

Aside from Santos, the Rota Legislative Delegation is also made up of Sen. Jovita M. Taimanao (Ind-Rota), Sen. Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota), and Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota). (Mark Rabago)

Pagan Island Conference on Oct. 3

The Pagan Island Conference is scheduled to be held on Oct. 3, 2014.

Titled "Preserving the Planet for Posterity through Partnerships: The Pagan Preferred Alternative," the educational outreach conference on the environment invites the public, especially high school and college students, residents of the Northern Islands, environmental agencies and departments, community groups concerned about the environment, and the business community, as well as the press to join in the "pushing-of-the-envelope" conference.

Presenters and organizers are Hawaii environmentalists, stu-

of former House speaker Pedro Deleon Guerrero, Saipan Tribune learned.

Police detective Olympio S. Muna stated in his report that he was at the Department of Public Safety's Tourism Oriented Policing Section in Lower Miha Housing on Friday at 11:28am when Lawrence A. San Antonio came to report that Deleon Guerrero robbed and assaulted him at Best Poker in western Garapan.

According to San Antonio, he was playing poker at Winners Poker in central Garapan when Deleon Guerrero approached and accused him of stealing a bicycle at Best Poker. Deleon Guerrero allegedly told San

Antonio that a closed circuit TV camera at Best Poker showed that he stole the bicycle.

San Antonio challenged Deleon Guerrero to show him the footage. The two then went to Best Poker, where Deleon Guerrero told a woman there that Deleon Guerrero was the one who stole her bicycle. San Antonio asked the woman if he could see the footage. The woman replied, "Never mind."

Deleon Guerrero held on to San Antonio's back, escorted him out, and brought him to the southern portion of the establishment where they were not visible to the surveillance camera. Deleon Guerrero then allegedly asked San Antonio for \$20 for wasting his time. When San Antonio told him that he was hustling him, Deleon Guerrero replied,

"Do you know who I am? I'm Dragon. Give me the \$20 before I break your face, and then slam your head to the concrete!"

Deleon Guerrero allegedly attempted to punch San Antonio, prompting the latter to hand him \$20. San Antonio then headed to TOPS for police assistance.

Later that same day, Muña and police officer Jason Tarkong left TOPS and headed to Best Poker, where they asked a cashier to review the surveillance camera footage earlier that day.

Tarkong immediately identified Deleon Guerrero in the footage. The footage corroborated San Antonio's statements that the suspect pulled him and pushed him against the wall by the main entrance.

The police also spoke with

the bicycle owner, who stated that someone stole her bicycle last Sept. 22, while it was parked outside Best Poker. The next day, she and a co-worker reviewed the video footage and saw a man taking her bicycle. As there were customers playing poker at the time, she asked them if they could look at the footage and see if they would recognize the person who took her bicycle. The woman said a male customer, later identified as Deleon Guerrero, stated he would help her find the suspect.

The woman said that on Friday, Sept. 26, three men came and one of them, Deleon Guerrero, asked her if they could see the footage on the day when her bicycle was stolen. The woman said she was scared because she was alone at that time so she just

told Deleon Guerrero "never mind" and thanked him for his help. The two left.

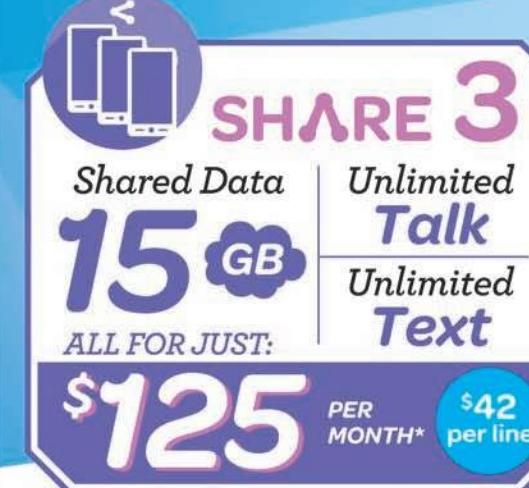
In May 2008, Deleon Guerrero pleaded guilty to two counts of issuance of bad checks. He was sentenced to six months in prison, all suspended, and was placed on six months probation.

On Feb. 26, 2013, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Judge N. Camacho issued a bench warrant for Deleon Guerrero for not appearing in court in connection with a civil lawsuit filed against him by a store. Camacho quashed the warrant yesterday during Deleon Guerrero's bail hearing.

The defendant's revocation hearing arraignment will be on Oct. 20 at 9am. He was ordered to appear on Oct. 6 for the civil matter.

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Camacho wants neighborhood watches in all villages

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REPORTER

Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon Camacho wants all Saipan neighborhoods to start being protected by Neighborhood Watch groups again.

"We are going to each school during their Parents Teachers Association meetings to discuss protecting villages and revitalizing the Neighborhood Watch

program," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* at the 1st Annual Marianas Indigenous Conference.

Camacho also leads the newly created Neighborhood Watch Task Force educational team and has visited schools during recent PTA meetings, including the Dandan Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary School, and all Kagman schools.

Camacho and his Neighborhood Watch team would usu-

ally make a presentation on how crime prevention methods can be implemented and encourage people to get closer to their neighbors to prevent crime in villages.

Anti-crime signs with words like "Stay alert. Report crime," "We are watching you," and "Stop crime. Join the Neighborhood Watch today" will be installed in schools, both public and private, at each main entrance. The municipal council might install two signs at each

school entrance, if possible.

Camacho also noted the recent appointment of Glenn Dikito as chairman of the Neighborhood Watch Task Force and other people who will be in charge of the different villages.

Camacho said they have not only been discussing protecting the neighborhoods but also revitalizing the villages and the Adopt-a-Place program to help clean and promote a healthier environment.

Camacho said the Neighborhood Watch program will be continued even after the No-

vember elections because it is important for the CNMI to have safe neighborhoods.

70 more families needed for homestay students

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The Saipan Mayor's Office is still looking for at least 70 host families for this November's cultural exchange and homestay program.

According to Saipan Mayor's Office executive assistant Yuki Kishimoto, 131 students plus 12 teachers will be arriving from Hiroshima Johoku Gakuen.

Johoku is an all-boys school with juniors and seniors in high school and serves over 1,300 students. It also has sister schools in Korea, Australia, and England with whom it has cultural and home exchange programs.

Kishimoto said the students and teachers will be arriving on Nov. 17 at 5:30pm and will be leaving on Nov. 21 at 7am. This group will be treated to a welcoming party at the Saipan

Southern High School where they will interact with local students. There will be sightseeing trips so they would learn about the CNMI's history and they will also have a chance to visit Managaha Island.

Students will be picked up from the airport by the host family, who will also be required to drop the students at the assembly point, the Hafadai Beach Hotel, and picked up later in the afternoon at the mayor's office.

Two to three students will be assigned to each host family and all expenses will be covered. Ikuo Yoshizawa of the Saipan Business and Language Institute will be handling the program.

For more information on the homestay program, call the Saipan Mayor's Office at 234-6208 or visit its office at the second floor of the Ladera Building along Beach Road in Oleai.

1994 AlumKnights donate playground to alma mater



By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Mount Carmel School's Class of 1994 donated a slide and monkey bars to their alma mater with the hopes of promoting healthy living among the student body and in celebration of their 20th class reunion.

"We put our heart and soul into this project and are thrilled to give back to the school," said MCS alumna Maisie Tenorio. "We decided to celebrate our 20th reunion by giving back to

our alma mater. Our family was created in the hallways of Mt. Carmel. What a better way to say 'thanks!' than to improve the learning environment for current students."

The class raised the \$12,000 needed for the project by selling hot lunch plates, hosting Comedy Knight, and Educational Tax Credit donations.

Fellow AlumKnights Lucile Kaufer and Polly Deleon Guerrero Masga said they grew up with monkey bars during their

childhood and wanted "the current students to have the same experience."

Several members of the class presented the new playground to the school's entire faculty and student body during an assembly on Monday.

School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero said it has always been the vision of a school to have a place on campus devoted to a full playground and other athletic facilities.

"The research shows that a

THOMAS A. MANGLONA II
Members of the Class of 1994, together with Mount Carmel School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero and school chaplain Fr. Rey Rosal, pose for a photo at the new playground their class donated to the school.

healthy body equals a healthy mind. With this playground, you can have fun while staying healthy," he told the students at the assembly.

Mount Carmel School chaplain Fr. Rey Rosal attended the presentation and blessed the new facility.

One grade school student ran to the new monkey bars immediately after the blessing. "I am so happy that we have this now. I can play and have fun with my friends," she said.

In addition to the personal donations from the Class of 1994, the project received donations from other organizations as well. DKK, Inc., KSK Corp., Jin Ho Corp., Treasure Island Game Club, Han Nam Investment, MarPac, handbags etc., J & MJ Ent., Shell Marianas, Hertz, and I Love Saipan all contributed funds to make the construction of the new playground possible.

The official role of a deacon, defined by the Church, is to aid the bishop in worship, charity and pastoral preaching. With his ordination, Balajadia will be able to baptize people, conduct funerals, and officiate marriages.

In preparation for his ordination, Balajadia took part in a one week retreat in Mount Angel Seminary in Portland, Oregon. Balajadia, said there is a lot of peace and inner joy in his life after completing his seven-year journey in the seminary.

"I am as ready as I can ever be for something like this in my life. I look forward to the preaching, celebration of sacraments, and being able to do more as a deacon."

Balajadia recently completed his graduate studies and formation to the priesthood at the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome after transferring from Mount Angel in fall of 2012, where he double majored in Philosophy and Literature.

The Saipan native has been assisting in local Mass services and co-teaching theology classes at his alma mater.

He urges young men in the CNMI to consider the priest-

Balajadia to be ordained deacon on Oct. 11

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

2007 Mount Carmel School alumnus and sole seminarian James Balajadia will be ordained a deacon next Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014. The diaconate ordination will take place at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 10am. The ceremony will bring the Saipan native another step closer to becoming a priest in the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa.

hood as a vocation.

"There still needs to be education about what is a vocation to the priesthood, what the journey is like, and what the process is," Balajadia explained.

He said he received tremendous support from his family and friends when he announced his desire to become a priest right after high school.

"It is no secret that this vocation is a difficult one. All I can say to the young men out there is that there is a lot of joy in it. People think entering this vocation takes things away from you, but I have gained everything through Christ."

He credited his success to his alma mater, parents, relatives, and friends. "I want to thank all of them for their support, prayers, and encouragement throughout all my years in the seminary. I offer them words of thanksgiving and gratitude, as well as my prayers for them and their families."

His main goal when he is officially a part of the Holy Order, he said, is to grow in holiness.

"I want to continue to grow and know who Christ is. I want to continue to strive and model my life with the life of Jesus," he said. "It has been a rough journey, but it's always been about Jesus Christ in the end."

The Diocese of Chalan Kanoa said that Balajadia is expected to be ordained a priest within the next six months.



FORTY FOR FORTY

Shirley's Coffee Shop is Pacifica Insurance Underwriters' 14th winner. In the picture, a representative of Shirley's accepted the prize of a certificate toward free insurance on behalf of his company. Also in the photo is Pacifica's staff member, Samatha Sikayun, left. Forty for 40 is a giveaway promotion designed to thank the CNMI and Pacifica's loyal patrons for 40 years of business—40 winners for a year of free insurance in celebration of 40 years. Only Pacifica policyholders are eligible for this giveaway. Last drawing is slated for Dec. 15. For information about Pacifica's 40 for 40 giveaway log on to www.pacificains.com/fortyforforty or call 234-6267/7722/7310. Rest assured, CNMI. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Preventing the Ebola virus in the CNMI

With the first reported Ebola case in Texas, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is updating its infection disease control measures and protocols and preparing its staff to conduct a simulated scenario to evaluate its strengths and weaknesses in containing an infectious disease in order to protect and ensure the safety of patients and our community.

"Ebola disease is highly un-

likely to come to the CNMI but we cannot let our guard down. Even though West Africa is about 15,000 km or about 9,500 miles away, a traveler may be in contact from a person who is infected at international airport hubs. And so we need to prepare," according to Warren Villagomez, director of Hospital and Emergency Preparedness Office.

According to Villagomez,

"CHCC has an infectious control system in place but limited in the number of isolation rooms both negative and positive pressure rooms. We also have a team identified to address such a case. They include the Medical Director, Laboratory doctor, Internal Medicine team, Public Health director, Communication/PIO and Epi-Team, and the Hospital and Emergency Pre-

paredness director."

CHCC's emergency room and the FCC has supplies, tools, and equipment such as the Personal Protective Equipment, or PPEs, to be worn by members of the team should there be a case in the CNMI. These PPE's include gloves, gown (fluid resistant and impermeable), and eye protection (goggles and face mask). For additional protection in cases of

excess amounts of blood, other body fluids, vomit or feces present in the environment, CHCC has supplies to provide for double gloving, disposable shoe and covers, and leg coverings.

To date, health screening is being undertaken at many international airports that have direct flights into the region or that are major air travel hubs. Travellers with fever or EVD-like symp-

toms may be subject to quarantine in the CNMI.

But remember, you can't get Ebola through air, water, or food. Ebola can only be spread from contact with the blood or body fluids of a person or animal who is sick with or has died from Ebola.

For more information, contact CHCC's Public Health at 234-8950. (**CHCC**)

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By MARK RABAGO
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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Pink was the color of day at the Office of the Governor's conference room Tuesday morning when Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofsneider declared October National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In signing the proclamation, Inos and Hofsneider urged all women and men in the CNMI to discuss a preventive and screening program with their health provider and become aware if they are at risk of breast cancer.

Nationally, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death, exceeded only by lung cancer. The chance of developing invasive breast cancer at sometime in a women's life is about 1 in 8.

The proclamation signing was attended by dozens of CCA volunteers and lawmakers, some of them gamely wearing the "Biba Susu" pink T-shirts. Pink balloons and ribbons festooned the venue.

CCA treasurer Maggie Camacho shared her story as a cancer survivor at the proclamation signing. "I am a breast cancer survivor and...I would like to thank all of you for showing up this morning for giving support to this very worthy cause. ...Breast cancer is the leading type of cancer in the CNMI and it's still growing because of the fact that a lot of our people fear being identified as such. ...I hope that we us a community would continue to address this and help us in our endeavor [to] diminish the number of cancer cases in our Commonwealth."

Camacho said that cancer awareness in the CNMI will also get a boost with the recent signing of a law increasing the cigarette tax by 75 cents a pack.

"We hope with the recent infusion of additional money for the cancer programs, we will be able to reach out to more people. We need to identify them and see how we can help them in anyway—get them to the hospital, get them the tests they need to see what kind of cancer they have. We also want to see how we can help them financially or any other services we can provide. If they don't have a car, we hope to provide them transportation to the hospital. If they don't have money or insurance, we want to see how we can help them get these preventive measures," she added.



Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofsneider pose with members of the Commonwealth Cancer Association and lawmakers after signing a proclamation designating October 2014 National Breast Cancer Awareness early Tuesday morning at the Governor's Office conference room.

MARK RABAGO

CCA program manager Juan L. Babauta applauded the governor and members of the Legislature for supporting breast cancer awareness and the passage of the cigarette tax. He said some lawmakers are even discussing crafting a new law outlawing betel nut chewing among the youth.

The governor chimed in on the discussion, saying that legislating against betel nut chewing among the islands' youth would be a big challenge.

"I think it's going to be a tough one. Betel nut is readily accessible even outside commercial establishments. Unlike cigarettes, which are manufactured and controlled, betel nut can be grown in the backyard," said Inos. "Still there's no excuse for us not to do it. There's sufficient evidence of the negative effects of chewing. We got to find a way to be able to limit or restrict access [to betel nuts]."

Babauta said CCA recently partnered with dental clinics in an effort to educate people on the health dangers of betel nut chewing. "Dental clinics have been recording and tracking down visits. People are also taking advantage of oral screening. Add to this, we've put together a plan to address breast and oral cancer and to get additional funds for cancer prevention."

The proclamation signing was attended by Reps. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), and Janet U. Maratia (Ind-Saipan).



SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT (FF&E) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TSD/FHWA BRANCH, SAIPAN, PROJECT NO. FY-14(001)

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofsneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Supply, delivery, Installation of Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E) for the Department of Public Works, TSD/FHWA Branch, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after September 18, 2014, at the DPW Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set and in order to bid on this project. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the project package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on **October 6, 2014**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **October 10, 2014** to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid. The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW/FHWA-14-IFB-002". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **October 15, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **October 15, 2014** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to procurement@ptpm.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 15, 2014** and must be received no later than **October 24, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **October 28, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **October 15, 2014**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30-3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance bonds, equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI.
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120)** calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of One Hundred dollars (US\$100.00) for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/HERMAN S. SABLON
Director of Procurement and Supply

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0202

-v-

ANICETO B. MENDIOLA,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on September 2, 2014, in this matter, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant Aniceto B. Mendiola, in and to the following real property located at Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands:
LOT NO. 008 T 043 (COMMONLY KNOWN AS LOT NO. 008 T 043, TIMAN, MP 96950), containing an area of 868 meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plan No. 008 T 01 dated January 7, 1988, and to be sold on January 19, 1988 with the office of the Land Surveyor Recorder as file #8-161.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale: The sale will be held on October 24, 2014, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property: It is the responsibility of each bidder to inspect the property prior to the sale. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by buyer.

Warranties and Covenants: All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and/or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant express or implied, with respect to the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.

Conduct of Sale: The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price on any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders, in the sole discretion of the undersigned.

b. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer: Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjudge the sale without notice at any time before the specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason, c. Bids: Bids may be submitted in advance for any of all the property listed in this Notice. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Advance bids may be submitted only in writing, signed by the bidder, and delivered to the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or mis-delivery of bids. Any person, including the plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.

d. Disputes: The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice if a dispute arises as to bid thereof.

Enforcement of Auction Sale:

a. Deposit: Every successful bidder shall pay to the undersigned a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price immediately after the sale is consummated. Payment shall be in cash or by certified check. The balance must be paid to the plaintiff, in cash or by certified check, within three (3) days from the date of sale, in cash or by certified check. If the balance is not so paid, plaintiff will retain the deposit as liquidated damages, and will again offer the property for sale.

b. Memorandum of Sale: If requested by the undersigned, every successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale immediately after the sale of any property is struck off at auction.

c. Court Approval: Every sale is subject to approval by the Court. The auctioneer makes no warranties or promises with respect to court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified when court approval is granted.

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Navy pilots join Marine Corps exercise on Tinian

By CPL. DAVID WALTERS
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI

TINIAN—Service members with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific, U.S. Navy conducted joint training with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 during Exercise Forager Fury III on Sept. 26.

An estimated 1,300 personnel are participating in Forager Fury III, a Marine Corps-led exercise involving a full spectrum of fixed wing and rotary aircraft operations. It has a heavy emphasis on tactical aviation and aviation ground support to further develop expeditionary combat capabilities in the Marianas Island Range Complex. The exercise began Sept. 24, 2014, and is scheduled to last until Oct. 6.

HSC-25 is an MH-60S Seahawk rotary aircraft squadron, and their role in Forager Fury III is to support MWSS-171 while conducting close air support and weapons systems training.

"Forager Fury for us is a perfect opportunity to help out the Marines while getting es-



CPL. DAVID WALTERS

Two MH-60S helicopters from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 take flight during a live-fire exercise involving joint terminal attack controllers as part of Exercise Forager Fury III on Echo Field, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, on Sept. 27, 2014.

SCHMIDT OCEAN INSTITUTE PRESENTATION

Learn more about scientific work aboard *Falkor*

The Saipan-based Asia Pacific Academy of Sciences, Science Education, and Environmental Management, more commonly known as APASEEM, will be co-hosting a public event focused upon the Schmidt Ocean Institute's science program, including work in the Mariana Trench, this Monday, Oct. 6, at Saipan's American Memorial Park auditorium, from 6:30pm to 8pm. Presenting is doctoral candidate Carlie Wiener, communications manager for the Institute. All interested are invited to come and learn about the institute and its planned research.

The Schmidt Ocean Institute is a private non-profit operating foundation established to progress the understanding of the world's ocean through technological advancement, intelligent observation, and open sharing of information. Join us as Wiener takes you aboard the institute's 83-meter fully equipped research vessel R/V *Falkor*, and explore the cutting-edge science conducted around the Pacific Region including the

Hawaiian Islands, Australia, and our Mariana Trench. *Falkor* supports a wide range of scientific marine operations and research facilities, including autonomous and remotely operated robotics, hydrographic surveys, acoustic research, and telepresence-enabled research activities.

This presentation will provide an overview of the Schmidt Ocean Institute's science program including upcoming work in the Mari-



Wiener

ana Trench and its latest accomplishments such as the new full ocean-depth hybrid remotely operated robotic vehicle that will come online in mid-2016.

Learn more about Wiener and her team of researchers and educators by visiting the institute's website, <http://www.schmidtocean.org>.

As with all APASEEM talks, on-topic questions from the audience are strongly encouraged. For more information visit the www.apaseem.org website or write to us via apaseem@gmail.com. (APASEEM)

The Schmidt Ocean Institute's 83-meter fully equipped research vessel R/V *Falkor*.

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sential training for our pilots, aircrew and maintainers," said Lt. Adam Laakso, operations officer for the squadron during Forager Fury III.

One mission conducted by the squadron included inserting joint terminal attack controllers onto a nearby, uninhabited island in order to practice target engagements, according to Lt. Devon Cartwright, Seahawk commander with HSC-25.

"The JTACs supported us by passing nine lines, which is an authorization to engage a target, according to Cartwright. "We engaged targets with simulated Hellfire missiles, as well as our crew served weapons."

Cartwright said they rarely work with forward observers, so this provides them a unique training opportunity.

"If we were to really go into an area where we needed to em-

ploy these weapons, this type of practice is invaluable to see how we would do it in the real world," said Cartwright.

He explained their squadron's aircraft as a "workhorse" that allows them to do a multitude of missions, including special operations support, search-and-rescue operations, as well as material transport.

According to Cartwright, the squadron completed the training they wanted to achieve during their time on Tinian.

"The exercise was a success," said Cartwright. "The JTACs were doing some training of their own, so it was a good way to work out the kinks in the system so they know how to work with rotary-wing assets, such as ourselves, and also for us to work with the Marines and see how they conduct their things."

NMI, Guam begin regulating social work, adopt ASWB licensing exam

The Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands and Guam have joined the Association of Social Work Boards in order to administer the ASWB social work licensing exam as part of adopting new regulations for the social work profession. This is the first time that social workers will be regulated and licensed in these jurisdictions.

The board of directors for the Association of Social Work Boards, the nonprofit association of social work regulatory bodies in the U.S. and Canada that owns and maintains the licensing exams, accepted the application of both U.S. jurisdictions by unanimous vote.

"We are pleased to welcome the Health Care Professions Licensing Board of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Guam Board of Social Work of the Territory of Guam as members of ASWB," said ASWB president Dorinda N. Noble, Ph.D., LCSW. "Professional regulation protects the public by ensuring that consumers have an avenue of recourse if practitioners step outside the boundaries of the rules, regulations, and ethics that guide our profession. The ASWB social work licensing exam ensures that social work professionals demonstrate their ability to practice competently and safely before becoming licensed."

The CNMI and Guam form the Mariana Islands in the Pacific subregion of Micronesia.

Northern Mariana Islands

The CNMI Health Care Professions Licensing Board includes the regulation of the profession of social work. The board recently adopted regulations for licensing baccalaureate, masters, and clinical social workers.

CNMI is a commonwealth of the United States, ratified in 1975. It is a 14-island archi-

pelago in the Pacific Ocean. The population of approximately 53,000 (2013) lives predominantly on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Territory of Guam

The Guam Social Work Board of the Guam is an independent regulatory agency with the authority to license and regulate the profession of social work in Guam. The board is in the process of developing regulations for the licensure of social workers at the baccalaureate, masters, and clinical levels.

Guam became a U.S. territory in 1898. Its current form of government was established in 1950. The island of Guam is the southernmost and largest of the Mariana island chain. It is also the largest island in Micronesia. The population in 2013 was approximately 165,000.

About ASWB

The Association of Social Work Boards is the nonprofit association of social work regulatory bodies in the United States and Canada. In addition to Guam and Northern Mariana Islands, ASWB member jurisdictions include 49 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, and all ten Canadian provinces. The association owns and maintains the licensing examinations used by its jurisdictional members and also provides services to members and social workers, such as the Approved Continuing Education program, the ASWB Social Work Registry, and the Public Protection Database. ASWB's mission is to strengthen protection of the public by providing support and services to the social work regulatory community in order to advance safe, competent, and ethical practices. Visit <http://www.aswb.org> for more information. (PRWeb)

Festival of Cultures to conclude with a parade on Oct. 4

The International Festival of Cultures kicks off for this final Saturday on Oct. 4 with the Parade of Cultures in downtown Garapan at 5:30pm. The walking parade, expected to feature a wide variety of cultural groups in native attire, will be held from the Carolinian Affairs Office north along Beach Road then enter Paseo de Marianas.

"The enthusiasm of the community for the International Festival of Cultures is very encouraging," said Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects manager Martin Dueñas. "Based on the support received this year, we anticipate to continue the event again next year. We encourage everyone to invite visitors to share the parade

and festivities on Saturday."

With 19 cultures represented, the festival offers live performances, international cuisine, arts and crafts, and cultural demonstrations at Paseo de Marianas in Garapan from 5pm to 11pm. The festival is organized by the MVA in conjunction with the Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture and PDM Promoters.

Samoa, Tonga and Fiji at 10pm. Organizers note the schedule is subject to change.

Demonstration booths will include coconut-rope making, Chinese calligraphy, basket

weaving, *mwar*-making (floral head lei), storyboard carving, origami paper folding, and more.

Admission is free and open to the public. (MVA)



Catherine Aguon of the Mariana Is. Chamorro community displays her handicrafts at the International Festival of Cultures on Saipan on Sept. 27, 2014.



Hitoshi Yamaguchi of the Japanese community serves Japanese cold noodles at the International Festival of Cultures on Sept. 27, 2014, on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



The Hawaiian community performs hula at the International Festival of Cultures on Sept. 27, 2014, on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



Dancers perform a Filipino number at the International Festival of Cultures on Sept. 20, 2014, on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



The Chinese community performs onstage at the International Festival of Cultures on Sept. 20, 2014, on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



Representatives of Samoa demonstrate traditional skills at the International Festival of Cultures on Sept. 27, 2014, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

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EDITORIAL

China must honor its commitment to more freedom

Hong Kong is a small outpost of international free enterprise in the possession of a giant nation that practices capitalism while clinging to its founding communist principles. China has never grasped that political freedom is the next logical step to economic freedom, an essential ingredient to dynamism.

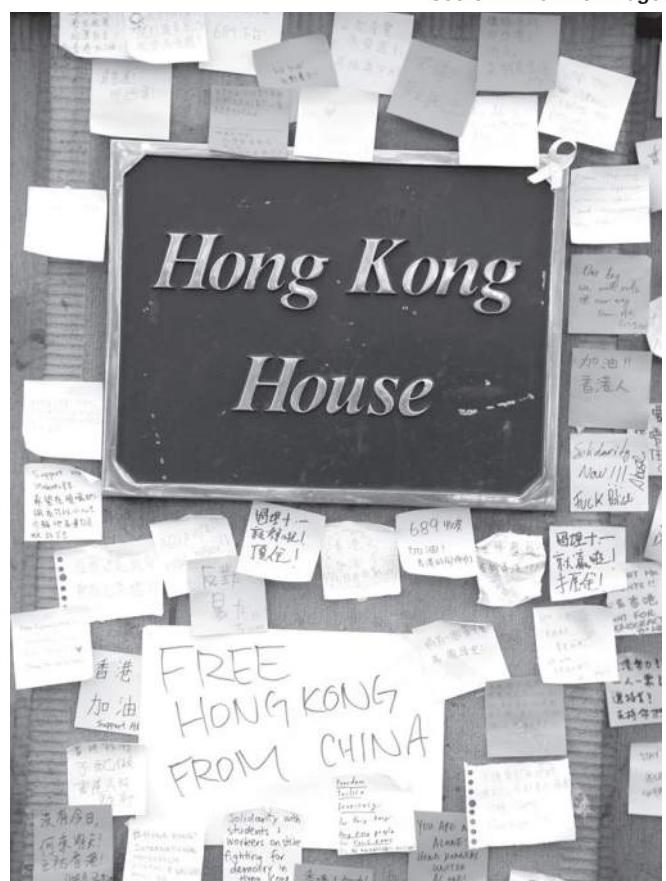
Instead, China has sought to have it both ways. When Britain's lease on its colony ended after 99 years in 1997, China recognized that it needed Hong Kong to continue as an international financial center and that this required tolerating certain civil liberties enjoyed by Hong Kong residents but not shared by people in the rest of China. "One country, two systems" was the arrangement adopted.

The tensions inherent in this model have always been there, but in the last few days it has broken down almost completely. Throngs of demonstrators—many of them students—have filled the streets, paralyzing the financial district. On Sunday, police fired volleys of tear gas into the crowd.

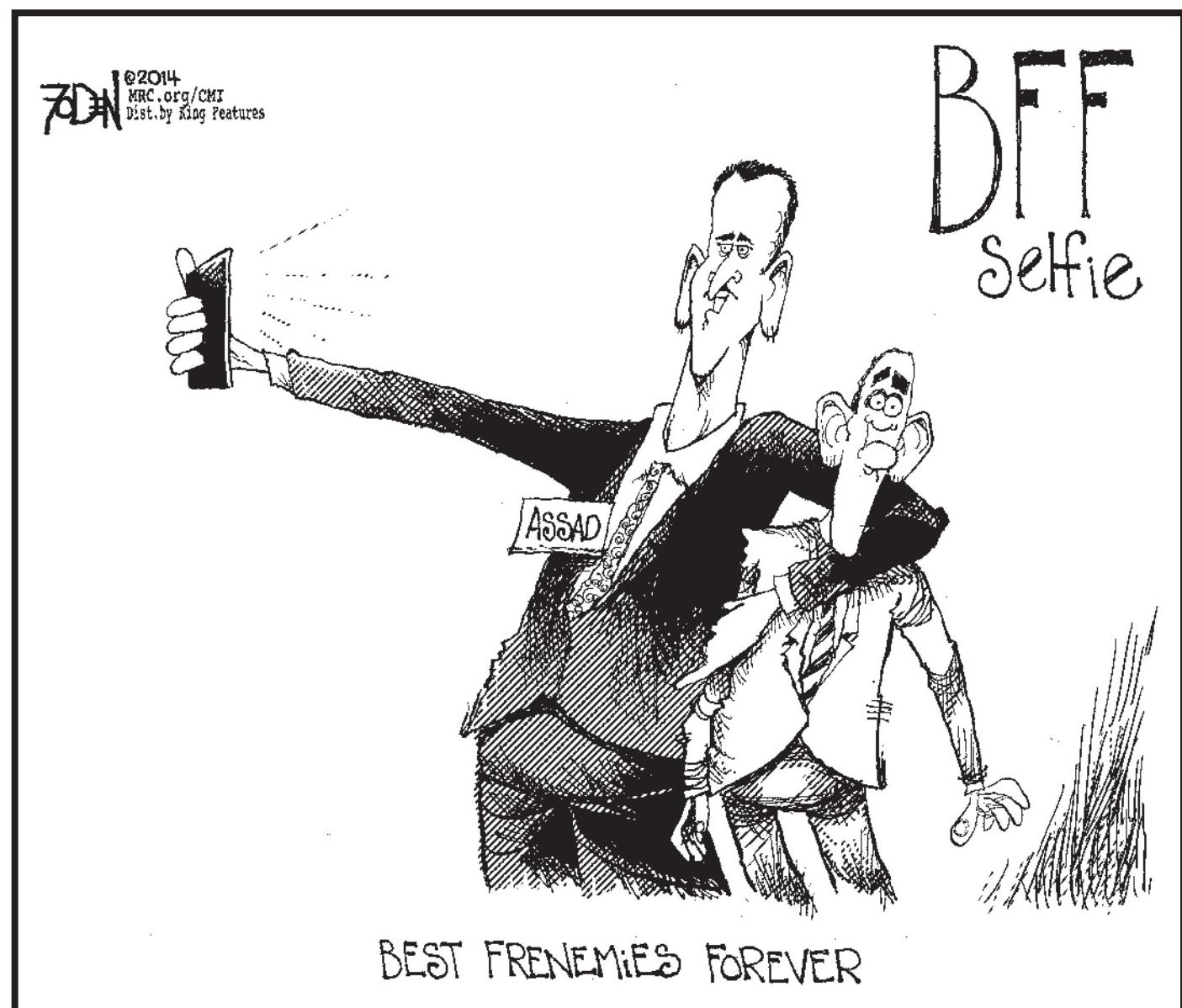
The protest began a week ago as a call for greater democracy. That hope was rebuffed when Beijing rejected a proposal for open nominations for candidates for Hong Kong's first leadership election, which was promised for 2017. Instead, candidates must be vetted by a panel that is mostly close to Beijing.

The protests pose a special problem for Beijing, whose

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Colorful post-it notes are stuck on the outside of the Hong Kong building in Sydney, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014, to show support for the pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong.



By your leave

The late Ruth Tighe wondered if one of our readers understood satire and sarcasm after an article I wrote got a mean-spirited response. A reader suggested that I pen a profile, on the off chance that I might earn extra elbowroom from those who find my prose arrogantly pretentious or ignorantly obtuse. I will use the four categories of time, space, role, and story common in my narratives.

I do so on the occasion of China's national week, a seven-day holiday, one of two (Lunar New Year is the other) when the nation travels to visit family. Oct. 1 is observed as the day Mao Zedong declared the People's Republic of China 65 years ago. The nationalists in Taiwan's Republic of China commemorate the 1911 rebellion that led to the end of the Qing Dynasty and the establishment of the Republic of China in 1912, referred to as the Double Ten. It also honors Sun Yat Sen, revered on both sides of the Straits, better known as Sun Zhongshan.

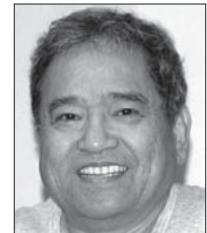
Now, by your leave. Time-wise, I traveled the imaginal journey of the Book. My Genesis to Apocalypse, however, shifted to the scientific journey of a 14.3-billion-year-old universe. Born under the Protestant Church's steeple in time for Vatican II's oikoumene, I learned to love historical memory from Abraham to Moses, the exile and Jesu, Paul of Tarsus to Augustine, (a big hole on Muhammad), Aquinas to Kierkegaard, finally to Bultmann, Tillich, Bonhoeffer and Merkel, the Niebuhrs, Argentine Francis, demonized Putin and Petro Poroshenko of Ukraine. Mystics came later.

I descended from the primates of Borneo, if the NY Times is to be believed in earlier suggested cartoons when the U.S. was deciding whether to bring Spain's Filipinas into the Union, but the human journey has only been the last 30 minutes on a 24-hour journey chart of the planet Earth and the human brain does wonders in imagining the nature of that journey.

Space-wise, I was born in agrarian Central Luzon. On a ship to the U.S. just turned 20, I already traversed the distance from Aparsi to Sarangani. I had been to all political units of the U.S. save Vermont and Puerto Rico. After the earthrise picture in '68, I became a global citizen. I've only seen the Russian Far East in Heihe across the Amur in Manchuria's Heilongjiang, Manzhouli in Inner Mongolia's grasslands, and Mohe at China's northernmost point. I have yet to trek the Himalayas, though I've tramped a bit in its foothills in Sichuan. I hope to trail the Silk Road through Urumqi west. I already missed Sufi dancing in Arabic Middle East and North Africa, and I have no plans to toe ice on the Arctic or freeze on Antarctica. I disc-jockeyed in my youth, counseled juvenile delinquents in

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Kentucky and Texas, facilitated change agents in the Piedmont, taught community development for 30 years in all continents save Russia, and was a peripatetic pedagogue, pastored sporadically (I outgrew ekklesia Metodista, gave up Ptolemaic cosmology and theistic metaphor on Saipan), trusted the gifts of instinct, intuition, intellect and intentions, and embraced the scientific, urban, and secular revolutions of my time. I am a father (not a good one), husband (no better), lover (dismissible), and of late, an oral English teacher in Shenyang, China.

My story pulls the particulars of time-space-role into a whole. The latest incarnation, not too dissimilar from what it was when it first emerged in 1968 on the day MLK was shot and I survived a car accident, goes: I am one, unique, unrepeatable gift of life into human history. There has never been one like me before, and there will never be another one like me ever again. I have one go at being me, an intentional glocal Chinoy, from Aug. 1, 1945, to Dec. 15, 2031.

To those unfamiliar with this column, Chinoy is a contraction of the word Chinese Zhongguoren (centered people in the middle realm) and Pinoy, the world-wise street-smart Malay of the Philippine Archipelago, pejoratively referred to as Chinoy! "Glocal" is a portmanteau, one of global mind and local behavior, a word now in the Oxford English Dictionary.

My journey so far has been given to efforts on creating "pig pictures" of sweeping eras and epochs used locally. Friends bridge distant transcendent mystery ascribed to a "wholly other" outside of ourselves, knowing for two centuries that statements made on the infinite are really about us. It is time for rephrasing.

Let's focus on the historical self as the subject of inquiry and narrative, the one with our name in it and whose life will be completed sans the promise of paradise, or a glorious return. It requires authenticity about the specifics of one's life, "honesty of telling the truth without sh*t," as one colleague promotes in his practice.

I am at this stage of my seven-year itch of writing, grounded on this historically finite "me." The West's myth of original sin is not very trusting of native selfhood. I trust this musing will push readers to define their "me" without hesitation or apology.

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Guaguan na Apas Kandet

Guaha umesplika gi programan radio (Marianas Agupa) haf na sumen tatkilu' i apas kandet gi enteru iya Marianas. Ha danche esplikasion lau tiha prebeniye ineppe haf taimanu para uma alibia este na gastu yan didog na sa'pet kontra monedan familia siha.

I propiu na ineppe gaige gi ma-adelantan ekonomia 'nai siña guaha appottunitad todus mañgalamten gi halom ridondun abundansia. Lau taya' machogue gi este na banda pot dies años na tiempu. Ayu na megai na empleau pot 20 años tatnai man-mahatsa sueddron niha mientras i gastu sige hulu'.

Dos patte gi halom gobietnamentu dinispopone pa'gu ni otden kotten federat: I programan man-ritirau yan i CUC. Yi yofu atmos banda pot diskuidu! Todu i dos programa mana' kara' ni man-sabiun I Deni'. Poresu na ma-amot i administrasion ni operasion dos programa: man-ritirau yan asuntun CUC pot didog na diskuidu!

Pinadesen Miserapble

Gi katkuet kinalamten-ta todus presiun nesessidat man-gugupu hulu' gi lañget kulan higante na kuetes ni masongge gi kantun tasi.

'Nai ta atan papa', esta poduñg ginen betsata monedan familia ni kanifesiña. Ta hala gotpe pot no mali' e na tai sinine. Ta pañot i man-taya' ta dibuenamente.

Tatfoi man-taya' ta, esta man-eyag hit man-la'la' gi dididi. Mampos i mattirun taya' hatsadan sueddru pot 20 años na tiempu dañkulu na sapet kontra familia siha.

Maseha haye un' atan, ti mahñau un' li'e na mamadedese. Siña tatulaika este na pinadese? Gaige i ineppe este na kuestion giya hagu mismu.

Debi ta atrebi hit bumbaruye umesgaihon halom tinilaika. I appottunitad adelantu dañkuloña ke inanchun tasin Pasifik. Maila' ta esgaihon galaide' ta fitme gi halom chubasku. Este ha' 'nai siña ta soda' felis yan safu na puettu para i famaguon-ta.

Gi suenan tatalu` pueñge

Kasse pot tres biahe hu huñgog ekun bos tai guihe mohon pañgañ napu ginen rubentason man-yaya' u ayudu. Ti siguruyu' haf finaiseña lau un' espiritu ayu na bos.

Sige dispues hu akanteha i namase' na finaiseña para bai' komprende hafa sessu malago'ña. Guaha 'nai huli' e este na espiritu lau

tihu dimemoria haye-gue'.

Dispues de hu aberigua todus patte gi guinefihiu 'nai hu establese na mapunu' ayu na espiritu ya mamalefan ñaihon pot la-anaku' esta na tiempu.

Kulan guaha dos malago'ña: 1). Orasion 'sino tinayuyot. 2). Para umahuchum pahinan lebloña pot taya'-gue' esta humahassu. Ti matmanyu' tumayuyute-gue' pot 18 días.

Hu bisita dispues ayu na kantun tasi para bai' husga haf' guaha. I rubentason hihot yan chechup unai. Manadan man-dañkulun achu gi oriya. Ti safu na lugat mabisita 'an hahagu ha' na maisa. Hu soda' dispues haye ayu na animas ya hu faisen lokue' nu i ayuduña.

Dalai `ste na guinaguan

Hu soda' i amiguho Magoo gi kusinan lanchoña sige ha a' kompara presiun lateria siha. Kada ratu ha yeñgyoñg iluña ya hana' tinatiye, "Dalai 'ste!"

Ha atanyu' ya ilegña, "Hagu mauleg sa' ritirau lau guahu 'tirau' 'nai ni mona ni tattu'". Era tai che'chu' i prohimu ya manu ha' na fina' choda 'sino kinisecha ha bende ayu monedan nesessidat.

Dispues de felisitasian ha gu'ot hinassoghu kuantu mohon gi tau-tau-ta man-gaige gi tai guihe na estau. Makat na tiru kontra nesessidat familia. Guaha lokue' lamegai asudahu ni man-tai che'chu' 'sino esta mas ke ochu años. Sumen makat este gi maseha haye na familia.

Mientras i sueddru parehu pot 20 años na tiempu i presiun nesessidat esta magalope i kelat monedan familia. Ke lau man-mañgge i man-sabiun I Deni' gi este na mattiru kontra i publiku? Kau todus man-tinatme chetnot losus? Dalai 'ste!

Direchon publiku

Sisteman demokrasia gaige giya monama na i gobietnamentu "ginen i tautau, pot i tautau yan para i tautau". Gi todus pinetsige piot dañkulu na asuntun publiku, debi un' bira hau guatu gi tautau ya un' faisen hafa sentimentoña. Estague' establisu gi sisteman demokrasia.

Lau guaha lokue' humasñgun dumagau yan fuma' basula sentimientun publiku tat kumu lai kasino. Ti mana' presisu sentimientun publiku kontodu i dos biahe 'nai hita mismu bumota NO para umana' halom kasino giya Saipan.

Mampos che'chu' hasupak na man-malefa na ni tanu' taya' trabiba maseñala para este na intension. Ni fondu para kandet, hanom,

All Indians ask is for America to honor our treaties

stand back before you get punched.

Last week someone in Sioux Falls, South Dakota decided to enumerate all of the different languages spoken in that city. Lo and behold, when all of the more than 100 languages were itemized, the people for whom the state was named, the Dakota, and their cousins the Lakota and Nakota, were not included for having a different language. We are not out of sight, just out of mind.

It doesn't end there. A headline in the Rapid City (S.D.) Journal reads: "Leadership South Dakota prepares next wave." The lead sentence goes, "For South Dakota to thrive, its leaders need to understand what makes South Dakota unique."

Forty-one South Dakotans were selected for the South Dakota Leadership Program, and of the 41, guess how many were Indians. If South Dakota is looking to thrive it should learn that a part of the uniqueness it hopes to retain—a big part, as a matter of fact—are the American Indians that make up 15 percent of its population. I find this particularly galling because the average South Dakotan knows less about its largest minority than do the people of Germany.

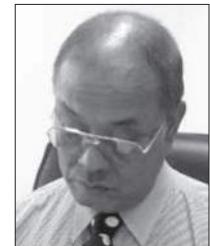
Let me point out a few simple facts. All Indians are not rolling in money from gambling casinos. The poorest counties in America are still on the Indian reservations. No, we do not get monthly checks from the government and free college educations. What we do get free is the poorest health care of any American citizens and the worst educational system in America with the highest high school dropout rate of any race of people. As a race, we have the highest rate of diabetes and the highest rate of alcoholism and drug addiction. While America is busy sending millions to fight diseases in Africa, Indians here in America are dying. Is that fair?

No, we do not still live in teepees, but teepees would probably be welcome to the thousands of homeless Indians.

The American Indian has never asked for a handout. All they have ever asked for is that America honor the treaties their ancestors signed in full faith. Perhaps those treaties were forged as a stopgap for Manifest Destiny, but they are still sacred documents to the many Indian nations that signed them. If the United States would

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sisteman sewer yan chalan. Este na diskuidu hafañagu sakrifisiu kontra i tautau. Debi pa'gu ta sakrifisia hafa para hita na ayudu para umakubre nesessidat kasino. Kontrariu gi uttimu besis i kasino sa' siempre hana' fan chatsaga i publikun Saipan.

Mauleg ta faisen naufragu iya Luta kau mauleg este na sapet kontra tautau Saipan? Deste ñgai' an i destrosiu na mauleg kontra i tautau?

Sentron Dinaña Antes

I plasan Chalan Kanoa antes i sentron dinaña' tautau-ta tat okasion 24 de Oktubre yan 4 de Julio. I mefe'na na feria pot United Nations, i segundo pot independesian iya America.

I mas dañkulu na huegu i bolan kokiu' gi entalu' Saipan Team yan Braves 'sino kontra buleron ginen Guam yan otru siha lugat.

Ayu na dinaña' 'nai machalalapon haf' siha man-masusesede gi otru soñgsoñg este umakamu' yan haye man-madispone. Gi ennau i oran 'las siñku ha tutuhon siha i man-ginen i chagu tumulus siha tattie gi lugat niha.

Hihot i relasion parentela siha. Machuchuda' sensian ko-operasion gi kinalamten deste gipot nobena esta fandañgu 'sino che'chu' linahyan. Todu mañgalamten deste cho'chu' esta fina' finatins sentada para todus. Gi este na dinaña' 'nai mas oppan man-amko' ta masañgan dibuenamente estoria-ta siha kontodu antigua na finapos mañainata.

Sumen namagof ma-ekuñgog grasiñ niha yan usun palabra ni hasan ta huñgog na tiempu. Motmut magahet inechan bendision gi kada manekun ham man-man-ñgiñge. Hasan este na modun dinaña na tiempu. Malimitte gi familia. I hihot na relasion tautau-ta sumen fitme gi lugat na tiempu.

Maliñgu esta kutturan chenchulu, peskan panag, lumulai yan katokcha'. Esta kontra fahan na tiempu ginen otru peskadot. Lau magahet memetgot ha' mabeneñsian pinegsai. Achog para makadun poya, man-daña hit gi un' sentada.

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honor the treaties to the letter of the law, there would be no poverty in Indian country.

We are not feathered warriors racing across your movie screens, nor are we mascots for your fun and games; we are human beings, and all we ask is that you honor our treaties and give us back our human dignity.

CHINA

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leaders still remember the brutal crushing of the student revolt at Tiananmen Square in 1989 and how it brought down international opprobrium upon China. Just as in Tiananmen Square, Chinese leaders don't want what they see as the democracy contagion to spread. But they are caught between being harsh and being too conciliatory.

There is still a middle path for China's leaders. As there is no honor to be lost in supporting "one country, two systems," let Hong Kong have its promised measure of greater freedom and allow open nominations for leadership. A violent ending to this will finish Hong Kong as an international capital. And the world is watching.

When I observe American Indians being deliberately deleted from nearly every aspect of American history, I usually refer to the old Jewish adage that goes, "What are we, chopped liver?"

Let me be very frank with you today. As I sit writing this column, as I have every Sunday for the past 34 years, I am terribly frustrated at the total lack of understanding and basic ignorance that still exists about America's first citizens.

First of all, I don't even want to get into what non-Indians should call us, or even what many Indians want to be called. Everybody born in America is a Native American so we can't claim exclusivity to that name. Our local newspaper uses the word "Native" when referring to us, but I always think of an old Hollywood movie where the white folks are sitting around a fire and they hear the drums beating and one says, "The natives are restless tonight."

Let me just introduce my own feelings by saying most of we old timers (elders) prefer to be called "Indian." It is what we grew up with and we do not find it demeaning or insulting. We were born Indians and we will die Indians. Indios refers to God in Spanish and it is not a bad word.

Should the nation's oldest Indian organization, the National Congress of American Indians, change its name? What about the National Indian Education Association or the Indian Historical Society? Are these organizations living dinosaurs to be kicked aside by political correctness?

There are those who will never understand why I, Suzanne Harjo, Vernon Bellecourt, Michael Haney and Charlene Teters fought against the use of Indians as mascots for America's fun and games for more than 40 years. Can't the average American understand that it is not an honor to have our culture stolen, mimicked and insulted by fanatical football and baseball fans? Bellecourt and Haney are dead now, and Suzanne, Char and I are tired, really tired of fighting racism under the guise of ignorance. We are not, and have never been "Redskins." Find yourself an Indian and walk up to him or her and say, "Hey, Redskin," and see how honored they are. And then

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. South winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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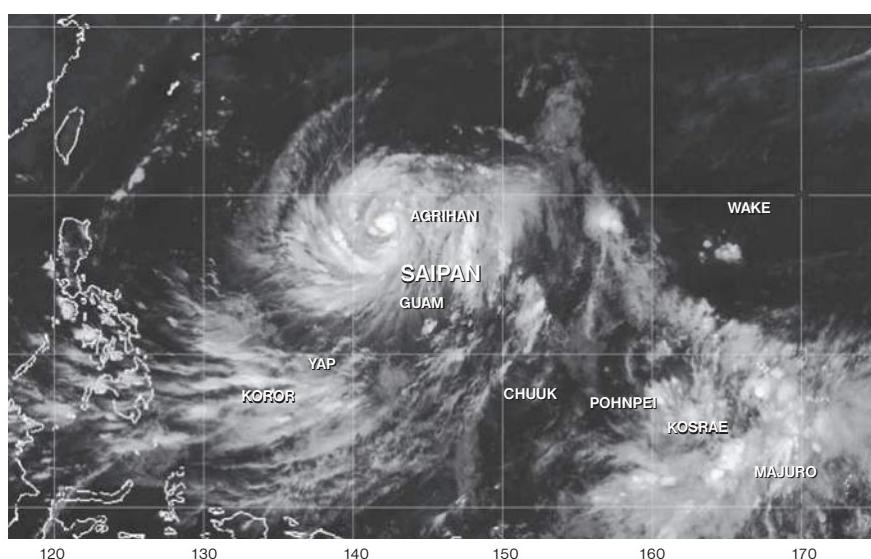
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 83	▼ 80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 82	▼ 80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 64	▼ 52
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 72	▼ 53
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 78
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 87	▼ 75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69	▼ 54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 87	▼ 75
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 64	▼ 48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 87	▼ 75
New York	Showers	▲ 68	▼ 59
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84	▼ 71
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 75	▼ 57
Pusan	Showers	▲ 79	▼ 63
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲ 75	▼ 60
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67	▼ 46
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80	▼ 62
Seoul	Showers	▲ 72	▼ 55
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 78	▼ 70
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 78	▼ 62

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Intensifying typhoon Phanfone centered about 150 miles west of Alamagan and 225 miles northwest of Saipan continues to move to the west near 10 mph. Persistent thunderstorm activity near the core of Phanfone is west of the Mariana Islands coastal waters this afternoon while a north to south oriented band of thunderstorms runs about 200 miles east of the Marianas. This places most of the Mariana islands in a zone of decreased shower and thunderstorm activity between these two features. A monsoon trough extends from Phanfone to the southwest about 325 miles to the northwest of Yap and Palau to the south of the monsoon trough. A broad area of scattered showers and thunderstorms is found between 13N and 03N west of 143E within a moist and convergent west to southwest low level flow. A weak tropical disturbance is noted just east of Kosrae south of Kwajalein. The disturbance is marked by a broad area of scattered thunderstorms that is moving westward slowly. Isolated thunderstorm activity associated with the ITCZ continues off to the east to the date line between Phanfone and the disturbance. Chuuk and Pohnpei are under light winds and little shower activity to the northeast of the islands deep ridging at the surface and aloft dominate. Visible satellite data indicate a surface high near 26N146E.

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:07 AM	6:06 PM	Today	12:48 PM
Friday	6:07 AM	6:05 PM	Friday	1:41 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:04 PM	Saturday	2:34 PM
Sunday	6:07 AM	6:04 PM	Sunday	3:25 PM
Monday	6:07 AM	6:03 PM	Monday	4:14 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5077	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5040	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5078	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

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2:30pm

3:05pm

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GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038

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Business

School spending by affluent is widening wealth gap

WASHINGTON (AP)—Education is supposed to help bridge the gap between the wealthiest people and everyone else. Ask the experts, and they'll count the ways:

Preschool can lift children from poverty. Top high schools prepare students for college. A college degree boosts pay over a lifetime. And the U.S. economy would grow faster if more people stayed in school longer.

Plenty of data back them up. But the data also show something else:

Wealthier parents have been stepping up education spending so aggressively that they're widening the nation's wealth gap. When the Great Recession struck in late 2007 and squeezed most family budgets, the top 10 percent of earners—with incomes averaging \$253,146—went in a different direction: They doubled down on their kids' futures.

Their average education spending per child jumped 35 percent to \$5,210 a year during the recession compared with

the two preceding years—and they sustained that faster pace through the recovery. For the remaining 90 percent of households, such spending averaged around a flat \$1,000, according to research by Emory University sociologist Sabino Kornrich. "People at the top just have so much income now that they're easily able to spend more on their kids," Kornrich said.

The sums being spent by wealthier parents amount to a kind of calculated investment in their children. Research has linked the additional dollars to increased SAT scores, a greater likelihood of graduating from college and the prospect of future job security and high salaries.

The trend emerged gradually over the past three decades but accelerated during the worst economic slump since the 1930s. Now, enrollments at pricier private schools are climbing. Parents are bidding up home prices in top public school districts. Pay is surging for SAT tutors, who now average twice

the median U.S. hourly wage of \$24.45. The patterns suggest that the wealth gap could widen in coming years, analysts say.

"If you're at the bottom and the top keeps pulling away, you're just further behind," said Melissa Kearney, a senior economics fellow at the Brookings Institution.

Between 2007 and 2011, enrollment at private elementary and secondary schools whose annual tuition averaged \$28,340 jumped 36 percent, according to federal data. The intensified reach for the costliest schools occurred even as enrollment in private schools overall fell.

"What we know about parents who send their kids to private school is that by and large they place a very high priority on education," said John Chubb, president of the National Association of Independent Schools. "As prices go up, they may be frustrated and angry, but they

find a way to make it work."

Most families can't compete. Incomes have barely budged for most Americans since 1980 after accounting for inflation. For the top 10 percent, IRS data show pay has jumped 80 percent after inflation. For the top 1 percent, it's soared 177 percent.



AP

Marisela Martinez-Cola, right, a lawyer and a parent living in an Atlanta suburb with her husband Greg, left, and their 7-year-old son, David, pose for photos as they prepare for a typical school and work day Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014, in Lawrenceville, Ga.

California becomes first state to ban plastic bags

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Gov. Jerry Brown on Tuesday signed the nation's first statewide ban on single-use plastic bags at grocery and convenience stores, driven to action by pollution in streets and waterways.

The market for ED drugs is big. About half of men over 40 suffer from ED, occasionally or always, yet only 10 percent take medicine regularly, said Dr. Irwin Goldstein, who directs the San Diego Sexual Medicine center and has researched sexual disorders for decades.

Having a woman in ads makes sense because women often are more upset by ED than their man, he said. They often lose interest in sex and find it painful, said Goldstein, who has done patient testing of multiple ED pills and received consulting fees from their makers.

He said men generally dislike going to doctors, and when older ones do, they often linger as the doctor finishes, shifting from one foot to the other in what doctors call "the Viagra shuffle." Doctors then ask if the man wants Viagra, he said.

Patents give a drug a monopoly, generally for 20 years. But when those patents expire, cheaper generic versions flood the market, often wiping out most of the brand-name drug's sales within a year.

Viagra has faced competition from cheaper generic versions in Europe since its patent

The law does not apply to bags used for fruits, vegetables or meats, or to shopping bags used at other retailers. It allows grocers to charge a fee of at least 10 cents for using paper bags.

State Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Los Angeles, credits the momentum for statewide legislation to the more than 100 cities and counties, including Los Angeles and San Francisco, that already have such bans.

The law marks a major milestone for environmental activists who have successfully pushed plastic bag bans in cities across the U.S., including Chicago, Austin and Seattle. Hawaii is also on track to have a de-facto statewide ban, with

all counties approving prohibitions.

"This bill is a step in the right direction—it reduces the torrent of plastic polluting our beaches, parks and even the vast ocean itself," Brown said in a signing statement. "We're the first to ban these bags, and we won't be the last."

Plastic bag manufacturers have aggressively pushed back through their trade group, the American Progressive Bag Alliance, which aired commercials in California blasting the ban as a cash-giveaway to grocers that would lead to a loss of thousands of manufacturing jobs.

"If this law were allowed to go into effect, it would jeopardize thousands of California manufacturing jobs, hurt the environment and fleece consumers for billions so grocery store shareholders and their union partners can line their pockets," Lee Califf, executive director of the manufacturer trade group, said in a statement.

Padilla, the bill's author, said Californians would reject a referendum effort and quickly adapt their behavior to help the environment.

"For those folks concerned about the 10 cent fee that may be charged for paper, the simple elegant solution is to bring a reusable bag to the store," Padilla said.



LEADING INDICATORS

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-0.17%

S&P

1,972.29
-5.51
-0.28%

NASDAQ

4,493.39
-12.46
-0.28%

EXCHANGE RATES

	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7653	Philippine Peso	44.97
Australian Dollar	1.1506	61.75	Singapore Dollar	1.2763
British Pound	0.6174	12180	South Korean Won	1062.3
Canadian Dollar	1.1206	109.862	Swiss Franc	0.9553
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Nation

Ebola case stokes concerns for Liberians in Texas

DALLAS (AP)—The first case of Ebola diagnosed in the U.S. has been confirmed in a man who recently traveled from Liberia to Dallas, sending chills through the area's West African community whose leaders urged caution to prevent spreading the virus.

The unidentified man was critically ill and has been in isolation at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital since Sunday, federal health officials said Tuesday. They would not reveal his nationality or age.

Authorities have begun tracking down family, friends and anyone else who may have come in close contact with him and could be at risk. Officials said there are no other suspected cases in Texas.

At the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Director Tom Frieden said the man left Liberia on Sept. 19, arrived the next day to visit relatives and started feeling ill four or five days later. Frieden said it was not clear how the man became infected.

"I have no doubt that we'll stop this in its tracks in the U.S. But I also have no doubt that—as long as the outbreak continues in Africa—we need to be on our guard," Frieden said, adding that it was possible someone who has had contact with the man could develop Ebola in the coming weeks.

"But there is no doubt in my mind that we will stop it here," he said.

Stanley Gaye, president of the Liberian Community Association of Dallas-Fort Worth, said the 10,000-strong Liberian population in North Texas is skeptical of the CDC's assurances because Ebola has ravaged their country.

"We've been telling people to

try to stay away from social gatherings," Gaye said at a community meeting Tuesday evening. Large get-togethers are a prominent part of Liberian culture.

"We need to know who it is so that they (family members) can all go get tested," Gaye told The Associated Press. "If they are aware, they should let us know."

Ebola symptoms can include fever, muscle pain, vomiting and bleeding, and can appear as long as 21 days after exposure to the virus. The disease is not contagious until symptoms begin, and it takes close contact with bodily fluids to spread.

The association's vice president encouraged all who may have come in contact with the

virus to visit a doctor and she warned against alarm in the community.

"We don't want to get a panic going," said vice president Roseline Sayon. "We embrace those people who are coming forward. Don't let the stigma keep you from getting tested."

Frieden said he didn't believe anyone on the same flights as the patient was at risk.

"Ebola doesn't spread before someone gets sick and he didn't get sick until four days after he got off the airplane," Frieden said.

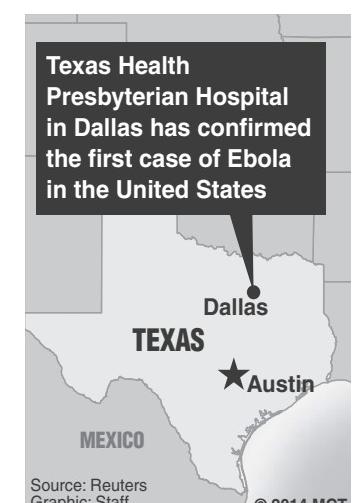
Four American aid workers who became infected in West Africa have been flown back to the U.S. for treatment after they

became sick. They were treated in special isolation facilities at hospitals in Atlanta and Nebraska. Three have recovered.

A U.S. doctor exposed to the

virus in Sierra Leone is under observation in a similar facility at the National Institutes of Health.

The U.S. has only four such isolation units, but Frieden said



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there was no need to move the latest patient because virtually any hospital can provide the proper care and infection control.

The man, who arrived in the U.S. on Sept. 20, began to develop symptoms last Wednesday and sought care two days later. But he was released. At the time, hospital officials didn't know he had been in West Africa. He returned later as his condition worsened.

Blood tests by Texas health officials and the CDC separately confirmed his Ebola diagnosis on Tuesday.

State health officials described the patient as seriously ill. Goodman said he was able to communicate and was hungry.

Oklahoma man charged with murder in beheading

NORMAN, Okla. (AP)—An Oklahoma man apparently uttered Arabic words during an attack in which he allegedly severed a co-worker's head, and had "some sort of infatuation with beheadings," but the killing appeared to have more to do with the man's suspension from his job than his recent conversion to Islam, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

Alton Nolen, 30, could face the death



Nolen

complained she had had an altercation with Nolen "about him not liking white people."

"It had more to do with race rather than trying to convert people," Mashburn said. He said there was a "back and forth with Ms. Johnson and that led her to make a complaint to the HR department."

Mashburn said that after being suspended, Nolen retrieved a knife at home and

"returned to get revenge." He had the knife in his shoe when he returned to the plant, according to a police affidavit.

Nolen walked into the plant's administrative office in suburban Oklahoma City and came across Colleen Hufford, 54. According to the prosecutor, Nolen attacked Hufford from behind, severing her head, before turning his attention to Johnson, 43.

Nolen "cut her across the throat and left side of her face," and later told police he was attempting to behead her as well, the affidavit said. Johnson survived.

The company's chief operating officer, Mark Vaughan, a reserve sheriff's deputy in Oklahoma City, leveled a rifle at Nolen and fired, striking him once and stopping the attack.

Mashburn said he would "vigorously prosecute" the

murder charge but that it was more appropriate to leave any questions about a possible terrorism component to federal investigators.

"It is my understanding he was using some Arabic terms during the attacks and that is one of the many reasons the FBI is involved at this point in time," Mashburn said.

The prosecutor also said it was "highly likely" that he would seek the death penalty against Nolen, but would confer first with Hufford's family.

Nolen's mother and sister posted a video message on Facebook over the weekend saying they were shocked and saddened by the allegations against him.

"My son was raised up in a loving home. My son was raised up believing in God," his mother, Joyce Nolen, said in the video. "Our hearts bleed right now because of what they're saying Alton has done."

A cousin, 29-year-old James Fulsom, told The Associated Press that as recently as February, Nolen did not mention his conversion in conversations.

Oklahoma prison records show Nolen was released from prison in March 2013 after serving two years of a six-year sentence on charges that included assaulting a police officer and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

Secret Service chief on hot seat for WH breach

WASHINGTON (AP)—Under withering criticism from Congress, the director of the Secret Service on Tuesday admitted failures in her agency's critical mission of protecting the president but repeatedly sidestepped key questions about how a knife-carrying intruder penetrated ring after ring of security before finally being tackled deep inside the White House.

Despite the extraordinary lapses in the Sept. 19 incident, Julia Pierson asserted: "The president is safe today."

Hours later, reports emerged of yet another failure in Secret Service protocol, this time in President Barack Obama's presence.

On Sept. 16, an armed federal contractor rode on an elevator with Obama and his

security detail while the president was visiting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, the Washington Examiner reported.

The Washington Post reported similar details and added that the man had three convictions for assault and battery. The office of Republican Rep. Jason Chaffetz of Utah, who has helped lead Congress' investigation, said a whistleblower had provided him the same details.

The gun was discovered only because the contractor was questioned after he persisted in taking video of Obama on the elevator, the reports said. The contractor was immediately fired by his employers.

A Secret Service official confirmed the incident reported by the newspapers but

declined to comment further, citing an ongoing investigation of the event.

Was Obama informed? It was unclear. But Pierson, under questioning at the hearing, said that she is the one who briefs Obama on threats to his personal security and that she had briefed him only once this year, "for the Sept. 19 incident."

At the Capitol, Democratic and Republican lawmakers alike expressed the view that the Sept. 19 breach of White House security had blemished the storied agency, and several pressed for an independent inquiry into what went wrong. They were not assuaged by Pierson's vow that "I'll make sure that it does not happen again" or by the agency's own investigation.

Alton Nolen, 30, could face the death penalty after being charged with first-degree murder in the attack Thursday that authorities say appears to have been an act of revenge for a co-worker's complaint that got him suspended.

The FBI also is investigating the attack, given Nolen's interest in beheadings and a recent surge in Middle East violence.

"There was some sort of infatuation with beheadings. It seemed to be related to his interest in killing someone that way," Cleveland County Prosecutor Greg Mashburn said. "Other than that, it seemed to be related to his being suspended earlier in the day."

Mashburn said the human resources department at the Vaughan Foods plant in Moore had suspended Nolen earlier Thursday after another co-worker, Traci Johnson, had

Asia

No images of Hong Kong protests in China's media

BEIJING (AP)—China's government has cut off news about Hong Kong's pro-democracy protests to the rest of the country, a clampdown so thorough that no image of the rallies has appeared in state-controlled media, and at least one man has been detained for reposting accounts of the events.

By contrast, media in semi-autonomous Hong Kong have been broadcasting nonstop about the crowds, showing unarmed students fending off tear gas and pepper spray with umbrellas as they call for more representative democracy in the former British colony.

The contrast highlights the differences in the "one country, two systems" arrangement that China's Communist Party agreed to when it negotiated the 1997 return of Hong Kong. It also reflects Beijing's extreme sensitivity about any possible sparks of pro-democracy protest spreading to the mainland.

"The authorities see this as a matter of life and death," said Shanghai-based columnist and independent analyst Zhao Chu. "They don't see it as a local affair but a fuse that can take down their world."

In Hong Kong, broadcasters NOW and Cable TV have carried wall-to-wall coverage of the unfolding events, including student leaders storming government headquarters Friday and the running clashes with police over the weekend. Hong Kong's pro-democracy newspaper, the popular Apple Daily, has run its own live Internet feed that features aerial images of the crowds captured by a drone.

Beijing clearly has not been pleased with the unfettered coverage and has appeared to lump the Hong Kong media outlets in with foreign ones.

2 suicide bomber attacks in Kabul kill 7, wound 21

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Two suicide bombers in the Afghan capital targeted two buses carrying Afghan army troops on Wednesday, killing seven and wounding 21 people, police said.

The first attacker hit a bus with Afghan National Army officers, killing seven and wounding 15 in west Kabul, said Kabul criminal investigation police chief Mohammad Farid Afzali.

The second attacker, who was also on foot, blew himself up in front of a second bus in northeast Kabul, wounding additional army personnel, Afzali said.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attacks. They came a day after Afghanistan and the



AP Student protesters chant anti-government slogans outside of the China's National Day flag raising ceremony in Hong Kong, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014.

messaging services. Many users have converted words into images to avoid having searchable text that can be easily caught by censors. Still, users are complaining of posts being deleted, including in private chats with friends.

Activist Wang Long in the southern city of Shenzhen, who reposted news about the protests on the instant messaging service WeChat, was detained Monday by police on suspicion of causing trouble, his lawyer friend Fan Biaowen said.

The controls have been largely effective.

"The majority of the Chinese public does not know what's going on in Hong Kong. Only a handful know," said Beijing-based journalism professor Zhan Jiang.

While Hong Kong is outside China's "Great Firewall" that blocks mainland access to many foreign Internet news and social sites, authorities could conceivably shut down the Internet there—as they have done in the country's restive ethnic regions—because of their control of telecommunications companies.

disperse them.

The Hong Kong-based China Media Project counted only nine articles in Chinese newspapers Tuesday about the protests, six of them stemming from a news release by the official Xinhua News Agency saying the protests had hurt Hong Kong's economy and misquoting a high-profile uni-

versity administrator as saying students should disperse.

The other three pieces appeared in the nationalistic newspaper Global Times, which called the gatherings illegal, disruptive of social order and harmful to the economy.

Censorship of microblogs—including phrases such as "tear gas"—has kept online discuss-

sion muted. The image-sharing Instagram service was shut down in China over the weekend.

"The clampdown has been most thorough, covering all media—traditional or new, central or local, governmental or market-oriented," Zhao said.

Some images from Hong Kong's streets have seeped into the mainland via cellphone

SIDE BAR

Hong Kong chief says voting beats watching TV

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong's embattled leader attended a flag-raising ceremony Wednesday to mark China's National Day after refusing to meet pro-democracy demonstrators despite their threats to expand the street protests that have posed the stiffest challenge to Beijing's authority since China took control of the former British colony in 1997.

Hong Kong Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying took part in the ceremony—marking the anniversary of the founding of communist China in 1949—as hundreds of protesters behind police barricades yelled at him to step down, although they fell silent and turned their backs when the ceremony began.

Helicopters flew past carrying the Hong Kong and Chinese flags, with the latter noticeably bigger.

In a speech, Leung made no direct mention of the protesters, who have blocked streets for days across the city to press demands for genuine democratic reforms for Hong Kong's first direct elections in

2017 to choose the city's top leader. Beijing has restricted the voting reforms, requiring candidates to be screened by a committee of mostly pro-Beijing local elites similar to the one who handpicked Leung for the job.

"It is definitely better to have universal suffrage than not," Leung said. "It is definitely better to have the chief executive elected by 5 million eligible voters than by 1,200 people. And it is definitely better to cast your vote at the polling station than to stay home and watch on television the 1,200 members of the Election Committee cast their votes."

As he spoke to a group of dignitaries, pro-democracy lawmaker Leung Kwok-hung shouted for him to step down before he was bundled away by security. Local councilor Paul Zimmerman held up a yellow umbrella—umbrellas used by protesters to deflect police pepper spray have become a symbol of the nonviolent civil disobedience movement.

China took control of Hong Kong under an arrangement

The fight for democracy

Public opinion polls conducted by the University of Hong Kong since the territory's handover to China in 1997



that guaranteed its 7 million people semi-autonomy, Western-style civil liberties and eventual democratic freedoms that are denied to Chinese living on the communist-ruled mainland.

The territory's first direct

elections are set for 2017, but the recent move by the Chinese government saying the special committee will screen the candidates is seen as renegeing on a promise that the chief executive will be chosen through "universal suffrage."

World

Kurds claim advances in Iraq as Britain joins fray

SALHIYAH, Iraq (AP)—Kurdish fighters in northern Iraq captured a border crossing with Syria on Tuesday, expelling Islamic State militants in heavy fighting that ground down to vicious house-to-house combat and close quarters sniping.

In neighboring Syria, Kurdish militiamen were on the defensive as the extremists pressed ahead with a relentless assault on a town near the Turkish border. The attack on Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, has driven more than 160,000 people across the frontier in the past few days.

Iraqi Kurdish fighters, known as peshmerga, were doing the bulk of the fighting on the

ground as a U.S.-led coalition carried out an aerial assault against the Islamic State group in both Iraq and Syria. Britain joined the air campaign Tuesday, carrying out its first strikes against the extremists in Iraq—though it does not plan to expand into Syria.

The goal of the campaign is to push back the militant group that has declared a self-styled caliphate, or Islamic state, ruled by its brutal interpretation of Islam in territory it has seized across much of Iraq and Syria.

On Tuesday, Kurdish fighters in Iraq said they saw some of the heaviest fighting yet. Peshmerga spokesman Halgurd Hekmat told The Associated

Press the Kurds seized the border crossing of Rabia, which the extremists captured in their blitz across Iraq over the summer.

Rami Abdurrahman, the director of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, also said the Kurds had retaken the border post. He said Syrian Kurdish militiamen, who control the Syrian side of the frontier, had helped in the fight.

Kurds wounded in the fighting were brought to a makeshift clinic in the town of Salhiyah, where dusty and exhausted, they described savage battles, with militants sniping at them from inside homes and from the windows of a hospital in Rabia.

"They're such good fighters,"

he was not a senior officer. "They're fighting with weapons the Iraqi military abandoned—so, American weapons really."

Fighters at the clinic described how the peshmerga first took the town of Mahmoudiya near the Syrian border on Monday, then moved down the highway to assault Rabia. The two sides had intense clashes overnight, with Islamic State group snipers shooting from inside houses and setting off roadside bombs.

Peshmerga fighters advanced on a five-story hospital in the city, only to be ambushed by some two dozen militants inside, the fighters said.

Hekmat said the Kurdish

fighters intended to push further south toward the town of Sinjar, which the extremists took last month, prompting the flight of members of the small Yazidi religious sect.

In Britain's first airstrikes of the campaign, two Tornado jets hit a heavy weapons post and an armored vehicle being used by the militants to attack Kurdish forces in northwest Iraq, British Defense Secretary Michael Fallon said in London.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby said the U.S. and its coalition partners conducted 20 strikes in Iraq and Syria against fixed and mobile targets. So far, about 306 air attacks have been conducted—more than 230 in Iraq and the rest in Syria, he said.

3 soldiers charged in Mexico army killing of 22

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Months after the Mexican army said it had killed 22 suspected gang members in a fierce shootout, three soldiers are being charged with homicide.

The announcement late Tuesday was just another step in dismantling the official version of the June 30 confrontation, which came under question almost immediately because of the lopsided outcome. Only one soldier was injured.

But Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam's version of events raised more questions about the killings in an abandoned warehouse in southern Mexico that a witness said happened after the suspects had surrendered—and that the U.N. urged be investigated as possible "summary executions."

After a brief initial firefight with eight soldiers, three of them entered a warehouse where the suspects had taken refuge and opened fire with "no justification whatsoever," Murillo Karam said in a news conference. He offered no details on whether the suspects had already surrendered, whether they were unarmed, or how three soldiers could kill 21 people without anyone trying to flee a wide-open, hangar-like building. One suspect was killed in the initial firefight, according to the witness.

"Doesn't it seem strange that eight soldiers face off against 22 suspects and all the deaths are on the side of those with numeric superiority?" said Alejandro Hope, a Mexico City-based security analyst. "What was this, a squad of Rambo? Or had the suspects already been disarmed? Whichever way, this doesn't smell good."

Families wait in agony for word on Ebola patients

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP)—First the ring tone echoed outside the barbed-wire-topped walls of the Ebola clinic. Then came the wails of grief, as news spread that 31-year-old Rose Johnson was dead just days after she was brought here unconscious by relatives.

Soon her mother's sorrow became so unbearable, her body so limp and heavy, that even her two other daughters could no longer help her stand.

There had been no official confirmation of Rose's death from hospital officials, no time for someone to explain her final moments, just word from a family acquaintance inside who said her bed had been cleared that morning to make way for a new patient.

Her grieving husband stood in a daze outside the hospital, scratching air time cards so he could use his mobile phone to notify other family members.

"I've been here every day, every day, every day," says David Johnson, 31, now left with the couple's 18-month-old daughter Divine. "Up till now there has been no information. How can I believe she is dead?"

As the death toll from Ebola soars, crowded clinics are turning over beds as quickly as patients are dying. This leaves social workers and psychologists struggling to keep pace and notify families, who must wait outside for fear of contagion. Also, under a government decree, all Ebola victims must be cremated, leaving families in unbearable pain with no chance for goodbye, no body to bury.

"People are standing around for weeks. Nobody is coming to them. There should be a system in place for disseminating information but there is nothing," says Kanyean Molton Farley, a 39-year-old community leader in one of Monrovia's hardest-hit neighborhoods.



In this photo taken Friday Sept. 26, 2014, Ethel Konneh, left, is consoled by her daughters outside the Island Clinic Ebola isolation and treatment center, after she learned her other daughter Rose Johnson passed away from Ebola in Monrovia, Liberia.

At least 1,830 people are believed to have died from the disease here in Liberia, and many fear the actual toll is far higher and rising fast. A recent update from the World Health Organization showed that more than half the cases in Liberia happened in the preceding 21 days.

Doctors Without Borders in Monrovia has three phone lines to answer calls from worried families. The group asks relatives to come in person for updates on their loved ones inside the 160-bed facility, but sometimes they get news from friends or family inside instead, says Athena Viscusi, a clinical social worker.

"We encourage them to come and meet with a counselor," says Viscusi. She notes that Doctors Without Borders hopes eventually to photograph the dead before cremation to help with identification.

Dozens of family members show up each day at the gates of the city's Ebola clinics, anx-

iously clutching cell phones and desperate for any update on their loved ones inside. They pace back and forth, leaving only to buy more phone credit. All the while, they keep a safe distance from those stricken with Ebola who huddle by the gates in hopes of gaining a coveted bed inside and a chance at life.

Linda Barlea, 32, is desperate to know what has become of her boyfriend of 13 years. One by one his family has been decimated by Ebola: First his brother, then his mother, then a sister, then another brother. Only the 7-year-old niece Miamu has survived, and then was chased from Barlea's home by fearful neighbors.

Barlea's mother called the clinic's official hotline for patient information and was told his name appeared on the list of the dead. Barlea says she needs to hear it for herself. But every time she calls now, she gets a busy signal. So she has shown up here, demanding answers be-

fore she will leave.

The lack of official confirmation has led to disastrous misinformation in some cases: Julius Prout's family held two wakes for him after being told by a security guard at the clinic that he was dead. Family members gathered first for several days at his parents' home, then at his uncle's.

Instead, health workers had merely moved him to another section of the hospital and burned his cell phone along with his belongings for fear of contamination.

When the 32-year-old nurse regained his strength almost a week later, the first thing he saw was a Bible given to him by a nurse. He says it is no coincidence that he opened it randomly to John 11, when Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Prout then borrowed a phone to call the family. All he could hear was the deafening sound of loved ones yelling and cheering in the background.

"We rejoiced and were so

grateful that he was alive," says his uncle, Alexander Howard, 57.

Rumors only intensify the hellish wait for those like Alieu Kenneh, who took his 24-year-old pregnant wife to four different hospitals before they finally found a place for her at Island Clinic, the capital's latest Ebola treatment center.

Several days after Mandou was admitted, word spread that a pregnant woman inside had died. Surely, though, there was more than one. Could it be her?

The last image he has of her, replaying in his mind, is as they slammed the ambulance door shut, telling him there wasn't enough room for him to join her on the ride. Then a disinfection team sprayed the bewildered man left watching it drive away.

Kenneh held vigil outside her clinic for seven days. One week after she was admitted, the phone finally rang. The doctor said she had died five days earlier after going into labor. The baby had not made it.

Kenneh, who met his wife when the two were teenagers living in a refugee camp in neighboring Guinea, now can't bear to go back to the apartment they shared. Her photos and clothes are everywhere, along with the blankets they had bought for the baby.

On top of it, Monday was her birthday. She should have turned 25, he says in tears. She was so excited to become a mother, and didn't know the sex of the child she was carrying. A nurse told her husband it was a boy.

"We give them to God and we cannot say anything more than that," he says.

The tiny baby's body was cremated before Kenneh even knew his son had been born.

Environment

A look at California's landmark plastic bag ban

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California Gov. Jerry Brown on Tuesday signed the nation's first statewide ban on single-use plastic shopping bags, following the lead of more than 100 California cities and counties. The fight between environmentalists and manufacturers is not over, as plastic bag makers vow to take their opposition to the ballot box.

Here are some key things to know about the landmark legislation:

WHAT DOES THE LAW DO?

SB270 targets plastic bags provided at check-out counters at grocery stores, pharmacies,

convenience stores and liquor shops. It does not apply to non-food retailers such as clothing and electronics shops, nor does it apply to the plastic bags provided at grocery stores for produce and meat. It will take effect at larger stores July 2015 and expand to smaller businesses in 2016.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH PLASTIC BAGS?

Environmental groups and local governments say plastic bags have been a vexing source of pollution. Because they don't easily decompose, they end up littering parks, rivers, beaches and oceans. Plastic debris can accumulate in the ocean and

ends up in the bellies of fish and other marine life. Cities and counties estimate they spend millions of dollars to clean up the waste, according to an analysis of the bill.

WHAT ABOUT RECYCLING PLASTIC BAGS?

Some opponents of the legislation favor an approach that encourages recycling plastic bags instead of banning them. California set up such a program in 2006, but The Associated Press found the state wasn't tracking how many bags were recycled. The state's last review of the data, in 2009, found a recycling rate of only 3 percent, and of-

ficials doubt it has improved much since then.

WHAT ABOUT PAPER?

The legislation allows stores to charge consumers at least 10 cents each for paper bags, which many businesses now provide for free. Opponents of the legislation have blasted the provision as a cash-grab by grocers who supported the plastic bag ban. The bill's author Sen. Alex Padilla says existing bans show that consumers quickly adapt and that the paper bag fees will not be very lucrative for grocers. SB270 also limits how grocers can spend the proceeds and requires stores to provide

free bags to people who are on public assistance.

WHO ELSE BANS BAGS?

Momentum has been picking up in recent years for plastic bag bans in coastal communities and large cities across the U.S., including Chicago, Los Angeles, Austin and Seattle. New York City has been considering a ban, along with state legislatures in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island. Hawaii also is on track to have a de-facto statewide ban because

its four counties have adopted such ordinances.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The American Progressive Bag Alliance, a coalition of plastic bag manufacturers, says it will seek a voter referendum to overturn California's law. The group has three months to gather more than 500,000 valid signatures, the number needed to place a referendum on the November 2016 ballot. The group says it will push to make sure the law does not take effect until voters have a say.

35,000 walrus come ashore in northwest Alaska



This June 2014 released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows Pacific walruses in the Chukchi Sea off the coast of Alaska. AP

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Pacific walrus that can't find sea ice for resting in Arctic waters are coming ashore in record numbers on a beach in northwest Alaska.

An estimated 35,000 walrus were photographed Saturday about 5 miles (8 kilometers) north of Point Lay, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Point Lay is an Inupiat Eskimo village 300 miles (482 kilometers) southwest of Barrow and 700 miles (1,126 kilometers) northwest of Anchorage.

The enormous gathering was spotted during NOAA's annual arctic marine mammal aerial survey, spokeswoman Julie Speegle said by email. The survey is conducted with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the agency that oversees offshore lease sales.

Andrea Medeiros, spokeswoman for the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service, said walrus were first spotted Sept. 13 and have been moving on and off shore. Observers last week saw about 50 carcasses on the beach from animals that may have been killed in a stampede, and the agency was assembly a necropsy team to determine their cause of death.

"They're going to get them out there next week," she said.

The gathering of walrus on shore is a phenomenon that has accompanied the loss of summer sea ice as the climate has warmed.

Pacific walrus spend winters in the Bering Sea. Females give birth on sea ice and use ice as a diving platform to reach seals, clams and worms on the shallow continental shelf.

Unlike seals, walrus cannot swim indefinitely and must rest. They use their tusks to "haul out," or pull themselves onto ice or rocks.

As temperatures warm in summer, the edge of the sea ice recedes north. Females and their young ride the edge of the sea ice into the Chukchi Sea, the body of water north of the Bering Strait.

In recent years, sea ice has receded north beyond shallow continental shelf waters and into Arctic Ocean water, where depths exceed 2 miles (3 kilometers) and walrus cannot dive to the bottom.

Walrus in large numbers were first spotted on the U.S. side of the Chukchi Sea in 2007. They returned in 2009, and in 2011, scientists estimated 30,000 walruses appeared along a half-mile stretch (1 kilometer) of beach near Point Lay.

Young animals are vulnerable to stampedes when a group gathers nearly shoulder-to-shoulder on a beach. Stampedes can be triggered by a polar bear, human hunter or

low-flying airplane. The carcasses of more than 130 mostly young walrus were counted after a stampede in September 2009 at Alaska's Icy Cape.

The World Wildlife Fund said walrus have also been gathering in large groups on the Russian side of the Chukchi Sea.

"It's another remarkable sign of the dramatic environmental conditions changing as the result of sea ice loss," said Margaret Williams, managing director of the group's Arctic program, by phone from Washington, D.C. "The walruses are telling us what the polar bears have told us and what many indigenous people have told us in the high Arctic, and that is that the Arctic environment is changing extremely rapidly and it is time for the rest of the world to take notice and also to take action to address the root causes of climate change."

Wildlife populations plummet for 3,000 species, says study

GENEVA (AP)—About 3,000 species of wildlife around the world have seen their numbers plummet far worse than previously thought, according to a new study by one of the world's biggest environmental groups.

The study Tuesday from the Swiss-based WWF largely blamed human threats to nature for a 52 percent decline in wildlife populations between 1970 and 2010.

It says improved methods of measuring populations of fish, birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles explain the huge difference from the 28-percent decline between 1970 and 2008 that the group reported in 2012.

Most of the new losses were found in tropical regions, particularly Latin America.

WWF describes the study it has carried out every two years since 1998 as a barometer of the state of the planet.

"There is no room for complacency," said WWF International Director General Marco Lambertini, calling for a greater focus on sustainable solutions to the impact people are inflicting on nature, particularly through the release of greenhouse gases.

The latest "Living Planet"

study analyzed data from about 10,000 populations of 3,038 vertebrate species from a database maintained by the Zoological Society of London. It is meant to provide a representative sampling of the overall wildlife population in the world, said WWF's Richard McLellan, editor-in-chief of the study.

It reflects populations since 1970, the first year the London-based society had comprehensive data. Each study is based on data from at least four years earlier.

Much of the world's wildlife has disappeared in what have been called five mass extinctions, which were often associated with giant meteor strikes. About 90 percent of the world's species were wiped out around 252 million years ago. One such extinction about 66 million years ago killed off the dinosaurs and three out of four species on Earth.

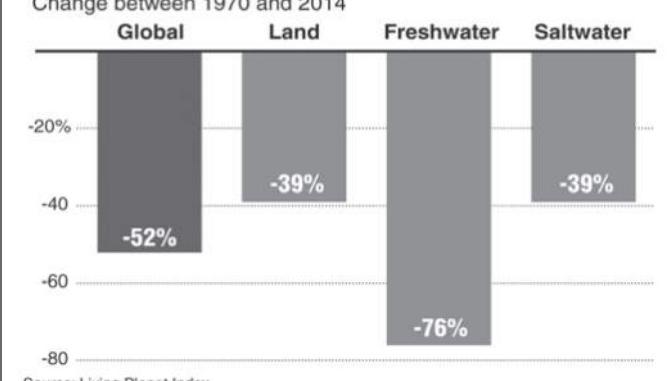
In the new WWF study, hunting and fishing along with continued losses and deterioration of natural habitats are identified as the chief threats to wildlife populations around the world. Other primary factors are global warming, invasive species, pollution and disease.

Wildlife populations shrink

The Living Planet index, a measure of wildlife populations, estimates that the population of vertebrate animals has been halved since 1970.

Wildlife population estimates

Change between 1970 and 2014



Life & Style

Morgan: 'Can't believe' Wal-Mart blaming him

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Tracy Morgan said Tuesday that he “can’t believe” Wal-Mart’s assertion that he and others were partly to blame for their injuries in the highway crash on the New Jersey Turnpike that killed one of his friends.

In a statement released by Morgan’s publicist, the actor-co-



Morgan

median said, “I can’t believe Walmart is blaming me for an accident that they caused. My friends and I were doing nothing wrong.”

The former “Saturday Night Live” and “30 Rock” star was returning from

a performance in Delaware in June when a Wal-Mart truck

slammed into the back of a limo van he and others were riding in. James McNair was killed and several others were injured.

Morgan suffered leg and rib injuries and spent about a month in rehab in New Jersey.

“I’m fighting hard every day to get back,” Morgan also said in the statement and thanked his fans “for sticking with him during this difficult time.”

Morgan sued over the crash,

and Wal-Mart said in a court filing Monday that Morgan and his traveling companions caused their injuries “in whole or in part” because they weren’t wearing seatbelts.

Brooke Buchanan, a spokeswoman for Wal-Mart Stores Inc., based in Bentonville, Arkansas, issued a statement Tuesday saying the company filed the response as legally required “that included facts and de-

fenses that may impact the case moving forward.”

Buchanan said the company has encouraged discussion toward a settlement and added: “Our thoughts continue to go out to the families and friends of everyone involved.”

The truck driver, Kevin Roper, of Jonesboro, Georgia, pleaded not guilty to death by auto and assault by auto charges in a New Jersey court. A crimi-

nal complaint also accuses him of not sleeping for more than 24 hours before the crash, a violation of New Jersey law.

A report by federal transportation safety investigators said Roper was driving 65 mph in the minute before he slammed into the van. The speed limit on that stretch of the turnpike is 55 mph and was lowered to 45 mph that night because of construction.

Netflix takes aim at the theatrical window

NEW YORK (AP)—Hollywood’s carefully controlled system of movie rollouts is officially under siege.

Windowing—the practice of opening a movie first in theaters and then in other stages of home video, streaming and television release—has been under increasing pressure as smaller screens fight against the prominence of the theatrical big screen. Now, Netflix has sounded the most notable blow against windowing, announcing plans to release a sequel to “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon” on the day it hits Imax theaters next August.

The film, produced by the Weinstein Co., isn’t a studio production, so it’s in many ways only marginally more significant than the plethora of independent films regularly released on video-on-demand. But the announcement constitutes the biggest move yet by a major digital outlet to blow up Hollywood’s traditional release pattern.

“This is a very unique opportunity for somebody from the

outside coming in to shake up what appears to be an increasingly antiquated release strategy,” says Rich Greenfield, a media analyst for BTIG Research. “They had to get into the movie business to reduce windowing, and I think this is an important Step 1 for Netflix.”

Exhibitors, in tandem with the major studios, have long sought to guard the theatrical window. On Tuesday, two of the country’s largest theater chains, Regal Cinemas and Cinemark, which both included some Imax theaters, promptly refused to carry the film.

“We will not participate in an experiment where you can see the same product on screens varying from three stories tall to 3 inches wide on a smartphone,” said Regal spokesman Russ Nunley. “We believe the choice for truly enjoying a magnificent movie is clear.”

The same chains also declined to screen Warner Bros.’ day-and-date release “Veronica Mars” earlier this year. Warner Bros. instead bought up the 270

AMC theaters it played in while it was also released on VOD.

The sequel “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: The Green Legend” is no sure bet despite the sensation of its 2000 precursor. “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon” won four Oscars, including best foreign-language film, and earned \$214 million worldwide. The film’s international appeal surely also motivated the ever-expanding Netflix, which has recently made inroads into Europe.

But sequels released so long after the original often struggle to keep audience interest. And, perhaps most importantly, “The Green Legend” will not be helmed by the acclaimed director of “Crouching Tiger,” Ang Lee. Instead, it’s directed by Yuen Wo-Ping, the martial arts choreographer of “The Matrix” and both parts of “Kill Bill.” It’s currently being shot in New Zealand.

Weinstein Co. co-chairman Harvey Weinstein said in a statement, “The moviegoing experience is evolving quickly

and profoundly, and Netflix is unquestionably at the forefront of that movement.”

Netflix has dabbled in releasing movies before, including distributing the 2013 documentary about the Egyptian revolution “The Square,” which was nominated for a best-documentary Academy Award. And its most celebrated entry into original television, “House of Cards,” too, has had a widespread effect in the movie business, alerting the industry to a new avenue for big-name talents such as Kevin Spacey and David Fincher.

Netflix’s entry into the movie business comes at a potentially fragile time for the movie industry, following a summer in which the box office was down 15 percent from last year. But one of the summer’s buzziest successes was a smaller science-fiction thriller, “Snowpiercer,” released by the Weinstein Co.’s boutique label, Radius. It made nearly \$11 million on VOD, more than double its theatrical revenue.

Famed violinist plays do-over at train station



AP

Acclaimed violinist Joshua Bell performs with young musicians who are alumni of the National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts) during a performance, Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014, at Union Station in Washington.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Acclaimed violinist Joshua Bell brought Bach to a train station Tuesday, as he did in 2007, but this time Washington noticed.

Hundreds of music fans packed the main hall at Union Station near the Capitol shoulder to shoulder to hear the 46-year-old Bell perform works by Bach and Mendelssohn for the lunch hour crowd, along with nine young musicians he has mentored.

Seven years ago, Bell famously performed incognito for tips in a Washington subway station, but almost no one stopped to listen. The subway performance was an experiment with The Washington Post to see if anyone would notice some of the world’s great music during their rush to work. It made for a good story that eventually won the Pulitzer Prize and inspired a children’s book and even messages in church sermons.

This time Bell’s fans had some advance notice, and it made all the difference. Mu-

sic is a two-way exchange and needs an audience, Bell said after his performance drew big cheers, whistles and shouts of “bravo” from a crowd of people both young and old.

Nearly every day for the past seven years, someone has reminded Bell of his subway performance, he said.

“I wouldn’t want to be defined by just that experience,” Bell told The Associated Press. “Hopefully the rest of my body of work will carry more weight than that.”

The Grammy-winning violinist now wants to call attention to the need for music education in every school. He was lucky, he said, to have parents who encouraged him to play music from an early age. Now students make it through school without any music or art education. Bell will perform with young musicians he has mentored for an upcoming television special “Joshua Bell: A YoungArts MasterClass,” which debuts Oct. 14.



In this image released by Netflix, Michelle Yeoh appears in a scene from “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: The Green Legend,” which will premiere on Netflix and in selected global IMAX theaters on Aug. 28, 2015.

McAfee names Kimmel its ‘most dangerous celebrity’

LOS ANGELES (AP)—If you’re about to Google Jimmy Kimmel, beware.

Computer security company McAfee says the late night TV talk show host is the most dangerous celebrity to search for online.

The company said Tuesday that a search for Kimmel carries a 19 percent chance of landing on a website that has tested positive for spyware, viruses or malware. The company has used its own site ratings to make the determination for the past eight years.

Other celebrities McAfee deems dangerous this year include Ciara, Flo Rida, Bruce Springsteen, Chelsea Handler and Christina Aguilera.

Kimmel said on “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” Tuesday that he can’t believe a kid who played the clarinet and carried a briefcase to junior high school grew up to be the most dangerous celebrity of 2014.



In this March 20, 2014, file photo, television personality and event host Jimmy Kimmel attends the 2nd Annual “Rebels With a Cause” Gala benefiting the USC Center for Applied Molecular Medicine at Paramount Pictures Studios in Los Angeles. AP

World’s oldest clown dies at 98 in Montana

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)—Floyd “Creeky” Creekmore, a former Montana rancher who held the record as the world’s oldest performing clown, has died at age 98, his son said Tuesday.

Creekmore died Saturday night in his Billings home of complications from heart disease, Dave Creekmore said.

Creeky turned to rubber noses and orange wigs in the 1980s, after retiring from his previous life ranching and building homes. He joined the Shriners, which holds circus performances to raise money for its hospitals, and he put in thousands of hours of entertaining sick and well children, his son said.

In 2012, Guinness World Records recognized the then-95-year-old Creeky as the world’s oldest performing clown. A previous stroke had knocked the juggling out of his act, but he

still regularly donned the multi-colored jacket and yellow hat to delight the young and old with a magic trick or a gag.

He stopped performing later that year when his wife of 74 years, Betty Creekmore, died. Creeky continued to attended



In this April 4, 2012, file photo, Floyd Creekmore holds a photo of himself performing in a 1988 parade as “Creeky” the clown at his home in Billings, Mont. “Little Creeky” on the front of the bike is a fake. AP

Shriners’ clown meetings, but he never put on the makeup again, Dave Creekmore said.

Creeky performed his last trick in July at a friend’s 90th birthday party in Lewistown. He told a woman to tie two scarves together and then—with

a leering eye toward his audience—announced that he would stuff the scarves down the front of her blouse.

Two men grabbed an end of each scarf and pulled as hard as they could. A bra popped out, tilted between the scarves, leaving the crowd to roar and the lady to grasp at her blouse.

“You should have seen him. He came alive, with a sparkle in his eye and a dip in his step,” Dave Creekmore.

Creeky was hospitalized last month by an infection in his intestines. He was released from the hospital about a week later, but he never really recovered, his son said.

But to the end, he kept his passion for clowning.

“A lot of people go clear through life and are never really passionate about something,” Dave Creekmore said. “Boy, he had the passion. He jumped into that with both feet.”

Oprah Winfrey, Harry Belafonte honored by Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Oprah Winfrey and performer-activist Harry Belafonte were among those honored at Harvard University on Tuesday at its annual celebration of African American culture.

The university’s Hutchins Center for African and African American Research presented its annual W.E.B. Du Bois Medals to eight people at the ceremony, also including British architect David Adjaye, civil rights hero U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga.; “12 Years a Slave” director Steve McQueen, “Grey’s Anatomy” and “Scandal” creator Shonda Rhimes and movie producer Harvey Weinstein.

Belafonte recalled his days in the civil rights movement with figures such as Martin Luther King Jr. and actor Paul Robeson.

Lewis, who was presented a Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2010 by President Barack Obama, was introduced Tuesday by Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick.

Introducing the other honorees were novelist Jamaica Kincaid, Harvard sociologist William Julius Wilson, Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust, Harvard Graduate School of Design Dean Mohsen Mostafavi, and American Repertory Theater’s artistic director Diane Paulus.

Du Bois, a scholar who founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and graduated from Harvard. Selections from his writings were read at the ceremony.

Ed Sullivan statue stolen from TV academy plaza

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles police are investigating the theft of a solid bronze statue of Ed Sullivan from an outdoor exhibit at the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

The statue was taken Sunday from atop a pedestal in the academy’s Hall of Fame Plaza in North Hollywood.

A police statement describes the statue as standing 18 inches tall and weighing about 20 pounds.

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with the key in my possession whenever I visit my grandchildren.

While I agree with you that children should be taught boundaries and to respect the possessions of others, I believe we have a responsibility to provide a safe environment, especially when we are visiting or when children are visiting us. The consequences of failing to do that can be tragic.

PEDIATRICIAN AND GRANDMOTHER IN MAINE

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Medications kept under lock and key ensure kids’ safety

DEAR ABBY: You missed the chance to communicate a life-or-death message to your readers when you answered a letter from an “Ohio Grandma” (July 14).

Your reply understated the importance of storing medications properly and safely. What if the grandmother had placed a loaded GUN on the desk instead of medications? Both can produce just as deadly a result.

And why didn’t those meds have safety lids? Putting them in a suitcase is not enough. They should be stored out of reach, preferably secured with a safety lock. Or better yet, the parents should be told you have dangerous substances with you—and ASKED where you can store them.

MOM OF A TODDLER IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR MOM: I was scolded for not placing more emphasis on the safety issue. However, the question I was asked was, “Are we obligated to help with more of the medical expenses (for the ER visit) because we have already helped (contributed several hundred dollars) and I don’t think it’s our job to teach our grandchild boundaries?” So that was the issue on which I focused. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You dropped the ball. No 3-year-old will respect a closed door all of the time. Grandma and Grandpa are responsible for the safe-keeping of their meds while in the child’s and even the grandparents’ home. Bottles that rattle and pretty colors in a bottle that look like candy will attract any little kid. Grandma and

Grandpa should be happy they aren’t helping to pay for a funeral instead of an ER visit. Here are the “rules”:

1. All medications should be in kid-proof containers.
2. All medications and OTC drugs should be kept out of a curious child’s climbing area.
3. Poison Control numbers should be posted on the fridge.
4. Use the original container (NOT one of those daily dosage containers) and know how many pills are in it. Be sure you know the name, strength and dosage for each medication. Just telling the hospital that it’s for “blood pressure” doesn’t tell them what it is or how to treat an overdose.
5. NEVER tell the kids that medication is candy!
6. You are the adult. Don’t expect any child—or teen—to respect your private property when it comes to medication.

MESQUITE, TEXAS, GRANDMA

DEAR ABBY: “Ohio Grandma’s” story of an emergency room visit for suspected medication poisoning is all too common. In 2011, 67,700 toddlers were seen for accidental medication exposure. Of these, 12,390 required hospitalization. Children 13 to 24 months of age accounted for 68 percent of these visits. In ER visits where information was obtained, 38 percent involved grandparents’ medications, 31 percent the mother’s medications, 12 percent a sibling’s, 8 percent the father’s and 5 percent an aunt’s or uncle’s medication.

Family members MUST take precautions to keep their meds out of children’s hands. I keep mine under lock and key

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kelly Ripa, 44; Sting, 63; Annie Leibovitz, 65; Donna Karan, 66.

Happy Birthday: Don't leave anything to chance. Size up whatever situation you face and make the necessary changes. Actions will be necessary if you want to avoid being put in a vulnerable position. Don't let stress lead to a force play. The more hands-on you are, the easier it will be to weather whatever storm you face. Stability and responsibility should be your aim. Your numbers are 3, 11, 20, 31, 34, 39, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Ease into whatever you do. Don't voice your opinion if you think it might hinder whatever situation you face. Impulsive action will end up working against you. Focus on expanding your skills and growing your assets. ☀️☀️

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may feel like getting away from the hustle and bustle, but look for hidden costs before you sign up for a trip or outing that can break your budget. Simplicity and moderation will help you keep your life running smoothly. ☀️☀️☀️

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Participate, get involved and try to make a difference. Fixing up your surroundings and hosting a party will encourage you to be a better person mentally, emotionally and physically. Love is highlighted. ☀️☀️

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotional matters will surface. Either pay off or collect on old debts. Address situations that are bringing you down and do your best to cut corners wherever possible if it helps you feel less stressed.

Discipline is the key to a better lifestyle. ☀️☀️

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Engage in something that interests or entertains you. Get out of the house and away from any negativity you've been living with. Physical activity will do you good and bring you in contact with someone special. Romance will improve your personal life. ☀️☀️

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can call the shots and take control of your interests. Get involved in events that will connect you to interesting people. Don't give in to someone who is putting demands on you or using emotional tactics to take advantage of others. ☀️☀️☀️

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Question your current personal situation. Don't make abrupt changes just because someone wants you to. Protect your health and financial position, and refrain from letting anyone disrupt your home environment. Ask for assistance, and you will receive help. ☀️

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A work-related situation is likely to escalate into something bigger than you anticipated. Be ready to counter any situation that has the potential to backfire or become a moneypit. Your intuition is strong and can help you make a wise choice. ☀️☀️

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You've got a good handle on what will work and what won't, but if you allow your emotions to take over, you will lose sight of your goal. Changes to your domestic situation look promising. Money is heading your way. ☀️☀️

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Hide your emotions, stay composed and listen carefully to what everyone around you says.

Don't let impulse take over when it's best to sit and wait until you have a better understanding of what's going on. Strive for stability, not disruption. ☀️☀️

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take care of personal business. If you leave your affairs in someone else's hands, you will be disappointed. A health matter or physical improvement you want to make can be taken care of successfully. Love is on the rise. ☀️☀️

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Consider your attributes and dreams, and go after your goals. Get your strategy set and put your clear-cut methods to work. Financial, legal and medical matters can be dealt with successfully. You will instinctively know what move to make. ☀️☀️

Birthday Baby: You are curious and original. You are methodical, intense and progressive.

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By Dave Green

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Royals slip past A's in AL wild-card thriller



KANSAS CITY, Mo.

(AP)—Back in the playoffs after 29 years, the Kansas City Royals ran wild and outlasted Oakland in a thrilling opener to baseball's postseason.

Salvador Perez singled home the winning run with two outs in the 12th inning, capping two late comebacks that gave Kansas City a 9-8 victory Tuesday night in the AL wild-card game.

Quite a start to October baseball - even if this one appeared to be over with plenty of time to spare in September.

"This will go down as the craziest game I've ever played," said Eric Hosmer, who sparked the final rally with a one-out triple. "This team showed a lot of character. No one believed in us before the game. No one believed in us before the season."

After falling behind by four runs, the Royals raced back with speed on the bases. They finished with seven steals to tie a postseason record previously shared by the 1907 Chicago Cubs and 1975 Cincinnati Reds, according to STATS.

The biggest one came in the 12th.

Hosmer scored the tying run on a high chopper to third by rookie Christian Colon, who reached safely on the infield single and then stole second with two outs.

Perez, who was 0 for 5 after squandering two late chances to drive in key runs, reached out and pulled a one-hopper past diving third baseman Josh Donaldson. Colon scored easily, and the Royals rushed out of the dugout for a mad celebration.

Sitting upstairs in a suite, Royals Hall of Famer George Brett put his hands on his head in near disbelief at the frenzied scene that was unfolding below.

"We wanted to use our legs," Hosmer said. "We're an athletic team, and we stuck to that."

The A's raced out to a 7-3 lead by the sixth inning, but the Royals countered with three runs in the eighth. Nori Aoki's sacri-

fice fly off Sean Doolittle in the ninth forced extra innings.

The teams kept trading blows over the next couple innings, as midnight came and went on the East Coast and the tension continued to build. Brandon Finnegan finally cracked after tossing two scoreless innings, but the Royals were there to pick up their pitching one last time.

Eric Hosmer hit a rocket to the wall in left field off Dan Otero for a leadoff triple in the 12th, and Colon hit an infield chopper that he beat out for a tying single. That set the stage for Perez, who lined a pitch from Jason Hammel just inside the third-base line to send the Royals pouring out of their dugout in a mad celebration.

The long-suffering franchise hadn't played in the postseason since beating St. Louis in the 1985 World Series, and the excitement permeated the city might best be summed up by a statement posted by the Kansas City Police on Twitter in about the 10th inning: "We really need everyone to not commit crimes and drive safely right now. We'd like to hear the Royals clinch."

They finally did it in a thrilling start to baseball's playoffs.

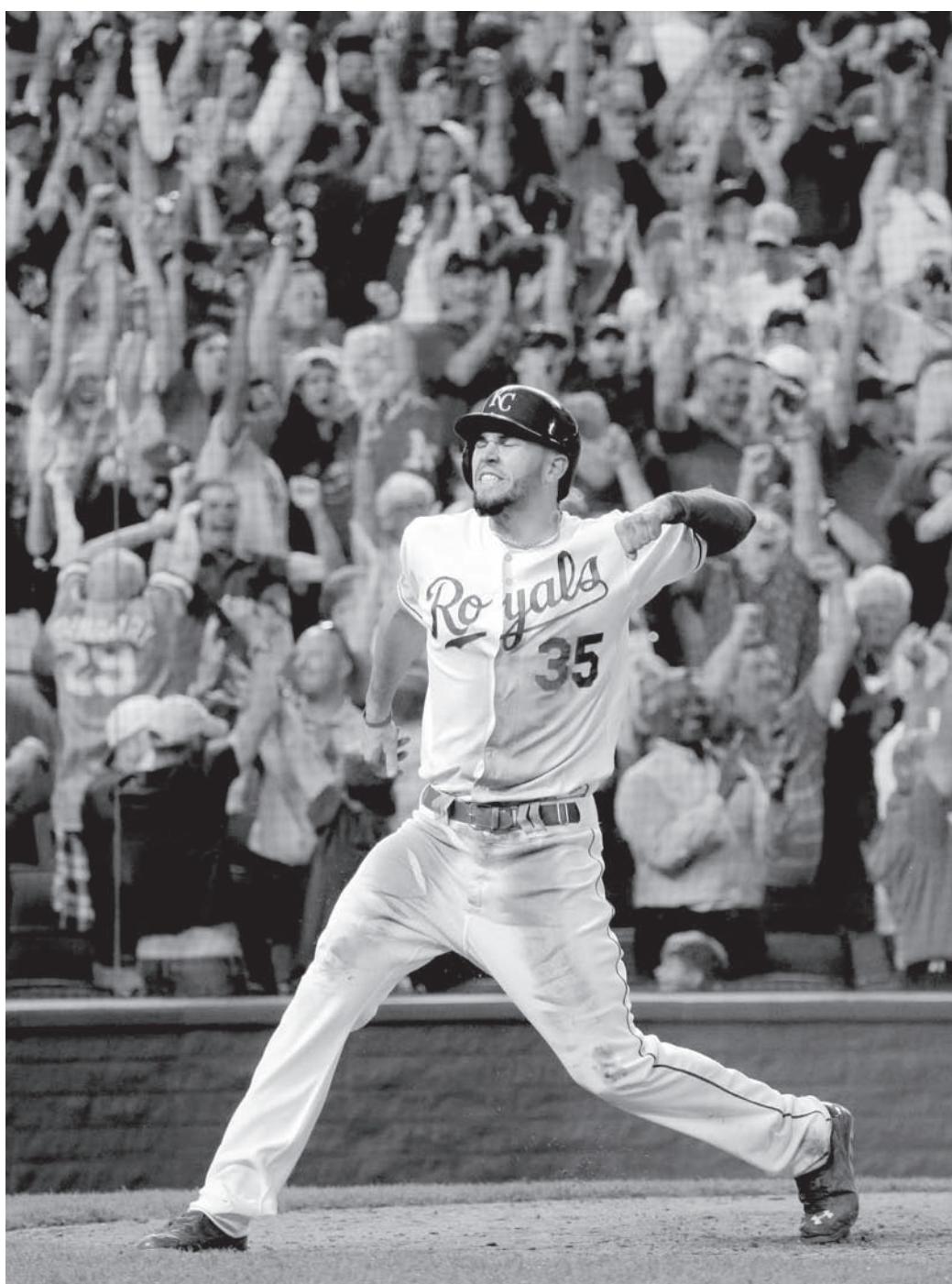
For the Oakland, it was one final collapse in a season full of them. The club that once had the best record in baseball wilted over the second half of the season, and needed a victory on the final day of the regular season just to squeeze into the playoffs.

They had chances to put all that in the past. Instead, it will be dragged up for years.

A much-anticipated pitching showdown between Oakland ace Jon Lester and Kansas City counterpart James Shields instead turned into a high-scoring game and a battle of attrition between their bullpens.

Brandon Moss helped the A's strike first, belting a two-run homer in the first inning and a three-run shot in the fifth.

Kansas City clawed back from a four-run deficit over the



Kansas City Royals' Eric Hosmer celebrates after scoring on a single by Christian Colon during the 12th inning of the AL wild-card playoff baseball game against the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo.

final two innings.

The impassioned play by a scrappy bunch of Royals that have rarely tasted success energized a sellout crowd that had been pining for postseason baseball since the 1985 World Series.

Then again, maybe it was the crowd that energized the Royals.

Oakland had built a big lead

after the fifth inning, and Lester - long a thorn in the side of Kansas City - had started to hit his stride. But A's manager Bob Melvin opted to send him out for the eighth inning, and the Royals finally got Lester into a real jam.

Luke Gregerson entered in relief but failed to provide much. By the time he struck out Perez and Omar Infante to leave run-

ners on second and third, the A's four-run lead had become one.

Doolittle tried to finish the game off in the ninth, but he served up a leadoff single to pinch-hitter Josh Willingham. Pinch-runner Jarrod Dyson was sacrificed to second, and then bravely stole third base, allowing him to score on Aoki's sacrifice fly to right field.

It was the third time in the

brilliantly on the regular season's final day to help wrap up first place. Now Detroit returns to familiar ground in the playoffs. The Tigers and St. Louis Cardinals are the only teams making a fourth straight postseason appearance this year.

Scherzer, Victor Martinez and Torii Hunter are among the Detroit players who can become free agents after this season, so it's fair to wonder how much longer this group has to try to win a World Series - although the Tigers have been willing to spend big in recent years under owner Mike Ilitch.

"It's tough when you see your friends, whether they're going or not, you don't know," Verlander said. "But

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The first occurred in the first inning, when slow-footed designated hitter Billy Butler was caught wandering off first base on an attempted steal with a runner on third. Eric Hosmer broke late for the plate and was thrown out easily to end the inning.

In the sixth, Yost yanked Shields - the ace of his staff - and called on Yordano Ventura. The rookie promptly served up Moss' go-ahead, three-run homer.

All that was forgotten as midnight approached at Kauffman Stadium. And now, none of it will be remembered after one of the most dramatic games in franchise history.

Meanwhile, Yost has refused to discuss who he might pitch in the opener against the Angels. The two best bets are vastly different options: Danny Duffy is a young, hard-throwing left-hander who plays on passion, Jeremy Guthrie is a cerebral right-hander that relies on guile.

Athletics catcher Geovany Soto left the game after hurting his left thumb tagging Hosmer at the plate to end the first inning. Soto started over Norris despite never having caught Lester because he's better at handling the running game. The Royals led the majors with 153 stolen bases this season, and they had seven more Tuesday night—all but one after Soto left the game.

we're focused on one task right now and that's to win a World Series, and what happens next year, happens next year."

The last three times Detroit was in the ALDS, the Tigers advanced by winning Game 5 on the road. Verlander pitched the last two of those winner-take-all victories, holding Oakland without a run both times.

"The ultimate goal is to win it all. I've got a lot of cherished memories and some bitter ones too," Verlander said. "Hopefully this is the year. It's not going to be easy, it never is. We're playing real good competition, but I like the way this team's built. I like the way we had to battle through adversity this year and I like the way we're set up."

SIDE BAR

Scherzer to start Game 1 for Tigers vs Orioles

DETROIT (AP)—The Detroit Tigers will start this postseason just like last year's: Max Scherzer in Game 1, Justin Verlander in Game 2.

Manager Brad Ausmus announced the team's rotation for its AL Division Series, which begins Thursday at Baltimore. Scherzer also started Detroit's postseason opener last year, not long before he was voted the American League's Cy Young Award winner. The right-hander went 18-5 with a 3.15 ERA this season.

"He's been our best pitcher," Ausmus said.

The Tigers have the AL's

last three Cy Young winners in Scherzer, David Price and Verlander. Price (15-12) will start Game 3 in Detroit on Sunday, with Rick Porcello (15-13) slated for Game 4.

It was a tough year for Verlander, who finished 15-12 with a 4.54 ERA, but his last couple starts were encouraging. He started Game 2 of last year's ALDS against Oakland, then returned to shut down the Athletics in the decisive Game 5.

Detroit has reached the AL Championship Series the last three years, and the Tigers won the pennant in 2012. They owe much of their postseason suc-

cess to their starting pitching. Detroit's starters have posted a 2.12 ERA over the last two postseas, holding opponents to a .191 average.

But that wasn't enough to win the franchise's first World Series title since 1984.

"Generally speaking, pitching can make the difference, but you just don't know how it plays out," said Ausmus, who is in his first season as Detroit's manager. "Usually you feel like the pitching makes the difference, but then you have a game that's 12-10. We feel good about, obviously, our starting staff going in, but the bottom line is you don't know how

the games are going to go."

A star-studded rotation may appear to look great, but it's no guarantee of success over a small period of time. That was already clear during the regular season. Detroit looked like a heavy favorite in the AL Central after acquiring Price from Tampa Bay at the trade deadline, but the starting rotation didn't exactly dominate, posting a 3.97 ERA since Aug. 1.

Injuries and spot starts inflated that figure a bit, but even standouts like Scherzer and Price had their share of shaky outings.

The Tigers won the division anyway, with Price pitching

Raiders make Tony Sparano interim coach



ALAMEDA,

Calif. (AP)—

Reggie McKenzie believes he put together a roster capable of competing for a playoff spot. When that roster got off to an 0-4 start and wasn't even competitive in two games, the Oakland Raiders general manager decided he needed to fire coach Dennis Allen.

McKenzie replaced his hand-picked coach by promoting offensive line coach Tony Sparano on an interim basis Tuesday with the hopes that can spark a turnaround for a team that has lost 10 straight games dating to last season.

"Yes, I do believe what we put together this offseason was a roster that could win," McKenzie said. "I'm not going to get into all the particulars of why it didn't work for Dennis. But the bottom line is it didn't work. For whatever reason, not only the 0-4 start but our play did not represent what we were capable of. That's the bottom line."

Allen was the first head coach hired by Oakland after Al Davis' death in October 2011. His 8-28 record is the worst for the franchise since before Davis arrived in 1963. His contract was set to run through next season.

McKenzie made the decision to fire Allen and then let owner Mark Davis know his plans. Davis supported McKenzie's call but now pressure turns to the general manager whose additions have not led to a better record.

Allen is the third coach fired



Oakland Raiders' Matt McGloin passes the ball during the NFL football game against Miami Dolphins at Wembley Stadium in London, Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014. AP

during the season by Oakland since Al Davis arrived. Mike Shanahan was fired after four games in 1989 and Lane Kiffin was let go four games into the 2008 season.

"In my analysis, I think we do have players that can play in this game," Davis said. "I just think that there may be some changes in how the schemes are utilized."

Sparano becomes Oakland's

eighth coach in the past 12 seasons. The Raiders have not made the playoffs or had a winning record since winning the 2002 AFC championship.

Sparano had a 29-32 record as head coach in Miami from 2008-11. He took over a one-win team in 2008 and led the Dolphins to an 11-5 record and an AFC East title. That was his only winning season and he was fired with three games remaining in 2011.

Sparano said he was still working out particulars about play-calling and other details and would talk to his players on Wednesday about what changes he planned to make.

While he was not ready to offer specifics on Tuesday, he did say there would be a philosophy change when the team returns from the bye week to play its next game at home against San Diego on Oct. 12.

"We need to make sure we're asking our football players here as coaches to do the things that they do best," Sparano said. "We have some good football players

here, a lot of them. They do a lot of good things. We need to let them do what they do best."

Allen and McKenzie were hired after the team finished 8-8 under coach Hue Jackson in 2011, falling one game short of a playoff bid.

They were expected to steady a franchise that fell into disarray during Al Davis' final years as owner. Instead, the team has only gotten worse, posting back-to-back four-win seasons before getting off to the 0-4 start this year despite adding players like Justin Tuck, LaMarr Woodley, Maurice Jones-Drew, Car-

"To me, that's not what the Raiders are," Davis said. "And we're still trying to get to be what the Raiders are."

Davis cited this year's draft class led by linebacker Khalil Mack, quarterback Derek Carr and guard Gabe Jackson as players who could form the foundation.

But he was not willing to commit long-term to McKenzie, who has two years remaining on his contract, or Sparano. Davis said he would have more involvement in the hiring of the new coach than last time when he let McKenzie pick Allen.

He also said he might reach out to former coach Jon Gruden about a possible return.

"That's the future and I'm not going to talk about future coaches," Davis said.

Sparano has 12 games to show that he should be that guy.

Timberwolves move on without Love



MANKATO, Minn. (AP)—The Kevin Love era officially ended in Minnesota in August when he was traded to Cleveland to team up with LeBron James and the Cavaliers. In retrospect, it may have been over far sooner.

It may have ended on that January day in 2012 when former Timberwolves President David Kahn refused to offer him a max contract extension.

It may have ended on Jan. 8 when a frustrated Love lit into J.J. Barea and Dante Cunningham for their attitudes in his comments to the press following a home loss to the Phoenix Suns that started the Timberwolves toward a path of missing the playoffs for the 10th straight season.

Or it may have started the next morning, when Cunningham seethed in his vehicle in the loading dock at Target Center, waiting to confront Love over those comments before teammates and team employees talked him down.

No matter the actual date, it became clear long before the trade was completed on Aug. 23 that Love's days in Minnesota were numbered. Love had worked tirelessly for six years

to improve his game as much as any player over that time and had become fed up with watching the Wolves fail to surround him with a roster that could compete in the rugged Western Conference.

And his teammates had grown weary of having to answer questions about Love's uncertain future and hearing the narrative that the star was some kind of martyr stranded in an NBA wasteland. Those teammates that Love left behind started training camp on Tuesday determined to prove that they were more than just weights around Love's ankles.

"I think the loss of Kevin Love, I think there was something somewhere in the air toward the end of the season," Nikola Pekovic said. "Still, we had some hope that he would stay. But we tried to make our team younger, and I see a lot of new faces, a lot of younger guys. Just waiting to see how Flip (Saunders) and the rest of the coaching staff are going to put everything together."

But it did become abundantly clear that it was time for Love and the Timberwolves to go their separate ways.

It was time for Love to join a team ready to contend for a title and finally discover what play-off basketball is all about.

And it was time for the Timberwolves to move away from what Saunders deemed earlier this summer "the lone warrior" approach.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Michael Phelps' comeback has been sidetracked by more trouble away from the pool.

The Olympic champion was arrested for the second time on DUI charges early Tuesday in his hometown of Baltimore, another embarrassment for a swimmer who came out of retirement this year with his sights set on competing at the Rio Games.

Phelps issued an apology that sounded very familiar to the ones he made after a drunken-driving arrest a decade ago, as well as when a British tabloid published a photograph in 2009 that showed him using a marijuana pipe.

"I understand the severity of my actions and take full responsibility," Phelps said in a statement. "I know these words may not mean much right now but I am deeply sorry to everyone I have let down."

Maryland Transportation Authority police charged the 18-time gold medalist after officers said he was caught speeding and failed field sobriety

tests.

The arrest came about a month after the 29-year-old Phelps won three golds and two silvers at the Pan Pacific Championships in Australia, setting himself up to compete at next summer's world championships and at Rio in 2016.

It's too early to say if Phelps might face sanctions from USA Swimming, which took no action after his 2004 arrest but suspended him from competition for three months over the pot picture.

"The news regarding Michael Phelps and his actions are disappointing and unquestionably serious," the national governing body said in a statement. "We expect our athletes to conduct themselves responsibly in and out of the pool."

The U.S. Olympic Committee had a similar reaction. CEO Scott Blackmun said the organization was "surprised" by Phelps' arrest and "disappointed on a number of fronts."

Phelps was charged with driving under the influence, excessive speed and crossing

double lane lines in the Fort McHenry Tunnel on Interstate 95 in Baltimore, according to the Maryland Transportation Authority.

If convicted on the DUI charge, he would face a maximum penalty of a year in jail, a \$1,000 fine and the loss of his driver's license for six months. Under Maryland law, the latest case is not considered a second offense because his first DUI conviction occurred more than five years ago.

Phelps could face the wrath of his sponsors, though there was no immediate word of any company planning to drop him.

"It's too early to tell," said Don Rockwell, the CEO of Phelps' new swimsuit sponsor, California-based Aqua Sphere. "For the most part, we're supportive. We just need to wait and see what happens. This is not a deal-breaker for us, unless we find out something else that happened."

Phelps also has deals with Subway, Under Armour, Omega and Master Spas.

Kobe says he will leave on his own terms



LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant watched on television as Derek Jeter walked off the field at Yankee Stadium for the last time last week. The Los Angeles Lakers guard hopes to eventually walk away just like Jeter did. But he also hopes to delay that day by a couple years.

"The biggest key for anybody in retirement is you always want to retire by choice," Bryant said. "Hopefully, I will be fortu-

nate enough to have that option. You don't want to see another catastrophic injury or something like that. When you walk away, you want to feel like you walked away on your terms."

Bryant, 36, will be entering the 19th season of his career after playing in just six games last season because of injury. He missed 19 games while recovering from Achilles tendon surgery and another 57 with a fractured left knee that ended his season. Bryant's last appearance in an NBA

game was Dec. 17 against the Memphis Grizzlies.

Bryant sees no reason why he won't play in Monday's pre-season opener against the Denver Nuggets in San Diego. More than anything, he's motivated prove to himself he can still be an elite player.

"It's a pretty tough injury," Bryant said. "I'm not going to lie. There are a lot of things that go through your mind when something like that happens. But I just went on my grind, just kind of chipped away at it day

by day. I feel pretty good as a result."

The Lakers got a preview of what Bryant can do when he dominated five-on-five scrimmages at their practice facility on Sept. 22. Based on what Lakers assistant coach Mark Madsen saw, he doesn't see Bryant retiring any time soon because he looked like "the old Kobe."

"I think Kobe can play two to four more years," said Madsen, a former teammate of Bryant's. "I saw him play this summer. He looked great. Kobe looked strong. He had a couple game-winners [in the scrimmages]."

Bryant will make \$23.5 million this season and \$25 million next season, the final year of his contract. Can he play beyond those two seasons and perhaps be on the floor at 40?

"Whether I do or not, we'll

have to see that two years from now," Bryant said. "I don't know, but I could [play longer]. Physically, I don't see an end to the tunnel."

Michael Jordan averaged 22.9 and 20 points, respectively, in the final two seasons of his NBA career with the Washington Wizards. He also struggled some with injuries and a loss in athleticism at the end of his career before he retired at age 40. Even so, Bryant was impressed with the way Jordan departed.

"He still left on his terms because he wanted to leave," Bryant said. "If he wanted to continue to play the game, he'd continue to play the game even if it's not at the level that we are all accustomed to. You want to play, you play. You don't want to play, you walk away. But at least it's not because of a devastating injury."

"For me, it's the same thing. When I leave, it's because I choose to."

Lakers coach Byron Scott said he plans to give his aging backcourt of Bryant and Steve Nash rest whenever needed at practice this season to preserve their bodies for the long run. Scott is optimistic that Bryant will have a healthy season and regain his spot as one of the NBA's top scorers.

"I expect him to play 82 games and play well," Scott said. "...He is a guy that is going to still average 23, 24 points per game. Our biggest thing is making sure he stays healthy and keeping his minutes to a minimum where he can play 82 games."

"I've had a chance to sit and talk to Kobe. I had a chance to see him work out. I had a chance to see him play five-on-five. He's far from retired."

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in the second half after a stand-off in the first 45 minutes of play to get its second win in as many games and take the early division lead. Tan Holdings FC slid to second after falling to a 2-1 record.

Daniel Lim led MP United's second-half assault, scoring the team's last two goals. Scott Kim and Tanapon Unsua also hit the board in the second half, while Kennedy Izuka posted the team's first goal in the opening half. Yoshi Mafnas equalized for Tan Holdings with his late goal in the first half, while the squad's other goal was courtesy of Sean Perez.

CO-ED U12 MP United 3, Tan Holdings 3

MP United and Tan Holdings also collided in the co-ed U12 game at the Hopwood Junior High School Field last Saturday and this time the match ended in a draw.

Thaipi Austria forced the deadlock after scoring his second goal in the 44th minute. He nailed the first one in the 18th minute, while John Guiller Canape knocked down the other goal for Tan Holdings.

MP United recorded all its goals in the first half to lead, 3-1, before failing to protect the driver's seat. Oliver Lee canned back-to-back goals for MP United, scoring right in the first minute and in the 12th, while Eun Syu Hahn delivered the third seven minutes later.

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Puebloo ThunderWolves website, carded a 77 and 76 while Sanchez had rounds of 79 and 74, and Willhoite fired 78 and 75 for a 9-over 153 total. Kim and Sanchez were at sixth and 13th places, respectively after the opening day. CSU-Pueblo rookie Megan McCutcheon and Danielle DuPont rounded up the ThunderWolves' scoring a 187 and 188 each.

Allie Johnston (Metro State, 10-over 154); Taylor Walters (Colorado Mesa, 11-over 155); Britney Bisgrove

the fifth minute. Chloe Salvosa made it a 2-0 advantage seven minutes, while a Karleen Reyes goal in the 22nd minute moved MP United within one. Alferos then nailed her second goal in the 32nd minute to give Tan Holdings more cushion, which it needed, as MP United got a goal from Gillian Villagomez right into the first minute of the second half.

GIRLS U15
Paire 4, Kanoa 0
Paire Football Club won the other U12 game at Hopwood pitch after blanking Kanoa Football Club.

Kaden Church powered Paire to the easy win, making three goals. He drilled the three shots in succession, dropping the first two in the first half and the last early in the second frame. Raffi Lee fired the fourth goal for Paire.

Tan Holdings 3,
MP United 2

Mary Kay Alferos canned a pair of goals to help Tan Holdings nose out MP United.

Tan Holdings zoomed to a 3-1 halftime lead and managed to survive MP United's second half rally to bounce back from its 2-3 defeat at the hands of Paire in Week 2 of the league.

Alferos opened the scoring for Tan Holdings, as she found the back of the net in

Matansa joined Tan Holdings and Paire in Week 3's winners list after dominating Shirley's Football Club.

Matansa was on target in the first half to cruise to its second win in three games. Matansa prevailed over Tan Holdings in the league opener, 1-2, before losing to Kanoa, 0-10.

Angelica Sally stood out in Matansa's triumph over Shirley's after hitting the board in the 20th and 35th minute. Jezreelyn Bulaklak registered the other goal for Matansa five minutes before Sally got her second.

Meanwhile, the lone boys U15 game last weekend at the Hopwood pitch had Paire whipping Kanoa, 15-0. Jun Hee paced Paire with his three goals, while Ivan Seo, Raffi Lee, Anthony Fruit, and Cole Chambers chipped in two apiece. Dai Podziewski, Logan Mister, Christian Oh, and Sean Shin contributed one each.

The two other matches in the boys U15 division were rescheduled due to the unplayable field.

(Dixie State, 12-over 156); Alex Darwin (University of Colorado Colorado Springs, 13-over 157), Nathalie Gallacher (Metro State, 13-over 157) and Leah Meza (Angelo State, 13-over 157) completed the Top 10 finishers.

In the team standings, Dixie State led from the opening round and ended up with a 53-over 629 for a five-shot win over second placer Metro State. The runner-up team shot a 58-over 634 to edge Angelo State's 59-over 635. CSU-Pueblo was 26-shots back to place at solo eighth. The ThunderWolves had rounds of 334 and 321 for a 79-over 655.

Western New Mexico (67-over 643), Colorado Mesa (68-over 644), Adam State (74-over 650), UCCS (74-over 650), Montana State-Billings (86-over 662), and Dominican (91-over 667) completed the Top 10 finishers in the team event.

Meanwhile, Kim and the rest of the Josh Koschke-coached Lady ThunderWolves will compete in their last fall tournament this year at next week's West Texas A&M Lady Buff Invitational in Amarillo, Texas. The 36-hole tournament will be held at the La Paloma Golf Course in Amarillo from Oct. 6 to 7.



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Bryant, 36, will be entering the 19th season of his career after playing in just six games last season because of injury.

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led CUC in the second quarter, drilling 6 points apiece, while four of their teammates also hit the board in the pivotal frame.

Diaz was scoreless in the second-quarter meltdown, but redeemed himself in the third, registering 8 points, as Docomo sliced the deficit to single digit, 42-51, entering the final canto. Diaz was still at it in the fourth period as he tried to bring Docomo back into the game, but clearly lacked support from his teammates, while Santos and company managed to protect CUC's lead.

Diaz had a breakout quarter in the fourth, exploding for 15, but each of his teammates made no more than 4 points. On the other hand, CUC drew 6 more points from Santos, while Benavente added 4, and four more CUC players drilled important baskets in the fourth to thwart Docomo's rally.

CUC 67 – Santos 14, Mizutani 12, Nunez 11, Benavente 8, Lieto 8, Poquiz 6, Masga 4, Camacho 2.

Docomo Pacific 63 – Diaz 32, Sanciangco 9, Hayes 4, Napu 4, Santos 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-13, 33-22, 51-42, 67-63.

SLLB general membership meeting Oct. 4



Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. is inviting all managers, coaches, parent, and interested individuals to attend its general membership meeting on Oct. 4 at 9pm at the pavilion inside the Oleai Sports Complex.

Election of the board members for the 2015-2016 season will take place at the meeting, while other details of the upcoming league will be discussed, too in this month's gathering. (**SLLB**)

DL Corp. Basketball League Season 4 Finals and Awarding

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Hite Jinro's Chris Mizer is double teamed by San Antonio's Jun Javier, left, and Emerson Feria during the first quarter of their title game in the DL Corp Invitational Basketball League Season 4 last month at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



Hite Jinro's Tristan Montes drives against San Antonio's Jack Aranda.



San Antonio's Jack Aranda unloads a jumper against Hite Jinro's Kevin De Leon.



Hite Jinro's Alex Lauron pulls up for a point-blank shot against San Antonio's Prince Factor.



Finals MVP Kobee Mendoza, center, is all smiles after receiving the award from DL Corp. owner Joe Digno, left, and trophy sponsor Orly Ebuen.



San Antonio members are joined by league organizers and volunteers for a group photo after the presentation of the championship trophy.



DL Corp. owner Joe Digno, left, and league commissioner Sonny Ebuen, right, pose with the Mythical Team members Jaymark De Guzman, Derick Rangamar, Kevin De Leon, and Chris Mizer. Ferdie Tobias, second left, represented teammate Butch Kaipat.



Hite Jinro players and supporters pose with their runner-up trophy.



San Antonio's Jaymark De Guzman drives to the baseline against a phalanx of Hite Jinro defenders.



San Antonio's Prince Factor goes for a layup against Hite Jinro's Zack Babauta.



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Matansa snaps skid, beats Paire

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Matansa Football Club barged into the win column of the boys U18 division of the 2014 NMIFA Fall League after downing Paire Football Club, 4-1, last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Ryu Tanzawa recorded a hat-trick to help Matansa bounce back from a 0-2 start. Matansa began the season with a 0-10 loss to Tan Holdings FC before bowing to MP United in its second game, 2-4.

Tanzawa drilled his first goal in the 11th minute, while David Mafnas also scored in the first half (39th) to lift Matansa to a 2-0 halftime lead.

Young Hyun Ryou made it a 1-2 tally after ending Paire's drought with his goal in the 49th minute, but Matansa got the one goal back with Tanzawa scoring anew in the 76th minute. The Matansa striker was not done yet and got his third



goal four minutes later to seal it for Matansa and hand Paire its second loss in as many games. Paire dropped its opener against Tan Holdings, 0-1.

MP United 5, Tan Holdings 2

In the other U18 match last weekend, MP United outclassed Tan Holdings FC.

MP United got into the groove

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Matansa Football Club's Carlson Cruzat, right, and Paire Football Club's Ethan Dickinson are in a foot race as they chase the ball down the sideline during the second half of their game in the boys U18 division of the NMIFA fall league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

CUC thwarts Docomo Pacific

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. withstood Docomo Pacific's second-half comeback bid to escape with a 67-63 victory in the



second game in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Monday night at the Gillette

Multipurpose Gymnasium.

John Santos and Frank Mizutani top-scored in CUC's debut win, making 14 points apiece, while Alain Nunez chipped in 11. James Benavente and Robert Lieto added 8 markers each to complete CUC's balance scoring that proved to be the key factor in the win, as Docomo relied heavily on one man—Tony Diaz.

Diaz sizzled for 32 points, as he was forced to take over with his teammates struggling with their outside shots. Diaz was the lone double-figure scorer for Docomo, as Robert Sanciangco contributed only 9 points and muffed a lot of outside shots.

Docomo began missing a bundle of long jumpers in the second quarter and rarely had a chance for a second crack at the basket, as Mizutani and Lieto did a good job controlling the boards. With Docomo having a so-so offense in the second canto and tallying only 9 points, CUC turned a 13-all score at the end of the first period to a 33-22 advantage at the break. CUC gained control of the match after launching a 16-4 scoring in the first six minute of the second period. Mizutani and Nunez



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s John Santos pulls up for an off-balance shot against three Docomo Pacific defenders during the second quarter of their game in the JP World caging last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Leina slows down, finishes tied for 3rd

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ATHLETES ABROAD
After three weeks of being on top, Leina Kim settled for a joint third place finish in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) #2 Tournament on Tuesday at the Bookcliff Country Club in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Kim and the 99 other golfers who teed off at the 18-hole par-71 had a tough two days at the Henry Hughes-designed golf course as no one shot an under-par round.

Tournament winner Hale Dunn of Dixie State University finished with a 5-over 149 (74, 75) for a three-shot win over Angelo State's Ashley Bartholomew, who had an 8-over 152 (77, 75).

Kim, who a week ago reset

her own scoring record of 142 by firing 133 at the Coldwater Golf Club in Phoenix, Arizona, ended up four shots back for third place to tie Thunder-Wolves teammate Julie San-

chez and Cha Cha Willhoite of the Metro State University Roadrunners.

Kim, according to the CSU-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Leina Kim, seen here watching her ball roll into the cup, finished tied for third in a tournament at the Bookcliff Country Club in Grand Junction, Colorado, last Tuesday.